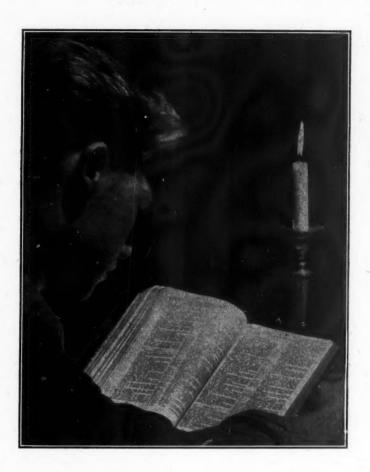
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Who Are The International Bankers?

PAGE 3 of this Defender is being devoted to excerpts from a masterful address by Senator Rufus C. Holman, delivered on the floor of the United States Senate, March 4, 1941. Thus, it is hoped that this important pronouncement will catch the eye of every Defender Reader.

Mr. Holman's frequent references to international bankers has direct bearing upon this, the greatest crisis in the history of our Nation. The following is a condensation of his remarks:

"No man can serve two masters." I cannot have a divided allegiance. I cannot at the same time serve the American interests and the interests of any foreign nation on the face of the earth, regardless of what my personal sentiments may be regarding the issues involved in wars between foreign governments.

What is it which presumes to justify the extraordinary powers conferred upon the President by this bill (H. R. 1776)? It is my understanding that the theory of the bill is that the United States has a vital stake in the critical situation in which Great Britain now finds itself in the European war, and therefore the President is to be authorized now, on his own judgment alone, to go to the rescue of Great Britain by transferring to that Government any weapon, munition, aircraft, vessel, or boat, besides making available to the British Government any American machinery, facility, and numerous other things, including defense information. To exercise these powers to the limit of the authorization would involve this country, in my judgment, in war, strip our own home defense, bankrupt the Nation, and result in irretrievable disasters to the American people them-

Because most of us are sprung from English ancestry our natural sympathies in any war in which England may be engaged, justly or unjustly, are likely to be with England; yet no student of English history will main-

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tain, or can successfully maintain, that England's wars have always been waged for the purpose of promoting the welfare of all mankind everywhere in the world.

The war in which England is now engaged is not an exceptional war. Back of this war, which is costing and will cost the lives of countless thousands of young men and the destruction of many homes everywhere in the world, and is causing, and will continue to cause, untold grief to countless mothers, wives, children, and loved ones everywhere in the world, is the effect of relentless commercial greed.

I doubt if the right is all on one side among the present belligerents. At least Hitler, whose ambitions as a conqueror I have opposed and shall continue to oppose to the utmost, has broken the control of the international bankers and traders over the rewards for the labor of the common people of Germany. In my opinion, it would be advantageous if the control of the international bankers and traders over the wages and savings and manner of living of the people of England could be broken by the English people, and if the control of the international bankers and traders over the wages and savings and manner of living of the people of the United States could be broken by the people of the United

In this debate, in my opinion, there has not been sufficient discussion of the fundamental causes of many modern European wars. The intrigues of the international bankers and traders and others who look to the control of money as well as to international tratte as a means of profit and investment are frequently the fundamental cause of armed strife amongst modern European nations. Out of these fundamental strifes for material profit evolve conflicting commercial rivalries for world markets, disputed national boundaries, the control of money, and the limitless ambitions of selfish men. These internationalists, who have only a secondary patriotism for any government, keep the peoples of the world in continuous strife, and sometimes finance the resultant wars for both sides at the same time. During the intervals of peace the international bankers and traders practice their unfair methods and thereby adversely affect the lives, manner of living, wages, and resources of people almost everywhere in the modern world.

The common people of the warring nations and of our own country do not know that the Bank of England is not a government institution, but a privately owned institution, and that its profits go to private persons. The same is, or was, true of the Bank of France, the Bank of Italy, and the Reichsbank. In our own country the Federal Reserve bank is a private institution, and its profits go in part to private banks.

I voted for Mr. Roosevelt in 1932 because I thought Mr. Roosevelt would drive the "money changers from the temple" and accomplish other reforms which I favor. I would join the President in such a crusade today if he would but undertake it.

This reference to the commercial aspect of modern war may seem a digression from the theme of the current debate, but I assure the Senate that it is not. I have attempted to call attention to the fact that the basic causes of this war, like many modern wars, spring from sordid and not noble motives. For that reason we should be reluctant and not eager to sacrifice the lives of American youth in such a war.

I shall not pursue this phase of the subject further at this time, but refer those interested to a volume entitled "Money Creators," by Gertrude M. Coogan, with an introduction by former United States Senator Robert L. Owen.

From pages 96 and 97 of While England Slept, written by Winston Churchill, I learn that he gave the fol-

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lowing sound and patriotic advice to his British people in 1934:

"We must be safe from undue foreign pressure. We cannot afford to confide the safety of our country to the passions or to the panic of any foreign nation which may be facing some desperate crisis. All history has proved the peril of being dependent upon a foreign state for home defense instead of upon one's own right arm."

I subscribe to these statements. That was good advice for Britain. It is good advice for the United States today.

While I am profoundly distressed by the plight of the civilian population in England — the wives, mothers, little children, and defenseless men who are the victims of bombing raids — and by the terror which must possess the defenseless and unoffensive men, women, and children of China, I cannot exult and cheer when the defenseless men, women, and children of Genoa are likewise bombed, as I am informed they recently were.

I am satisfied that the common people of Italy do not have their hearts in this war, or else their armies would make a better showing on the battle front. It is not the common people of any of the warring nations, or of our own Nation, who yearn for human slaughter.

The junior Senator from Illinois (Mr. Brooks) in his recent very able address gave us expert testimony derived from personal contacts in the first World War, to the effect that German boys, even as soldiers in the German Army, were not the monsters that propaganda in this country had pictured them to be, but on the contrary, were the same kind as American boys, English boys, French boys, and other boys throughout the world. The common people in all the belligerent countries of the world are not clamoring for war. They, who must bear the brunt of battle and the shock of the cannon's shell, dread and abhor war. It is only the Hitlers, the Mussolinis, the Stalins, and, I regret to say, the ambitious leaders in our own country. who clamor for war and for the steps leading to war. . . .

This bill contemplates granting extraordinary powers to be used by the President while we are still at peace with all the world. In the national campaign last fall my opposition to a third term for the President was not mere political rhetoric. My apprehension of the establishment of a dictatorship in this country was real, genuine, and sincere. The demand for increased powers for the President which this bill provides is in line with what I feared would ensue, but it has come sooner than I anticipated. Apparently, it is believed that the move for increased Executive powers should be made "while the iron is hot." The demand for more power has come while the echoes of the President's successful campaign for a third term are still reverberating in the ears of the American people. The demand for the passage of this bill is the logical result of the disgraceful scenes enacted last July at the Chicago convention. . .

I have given the subject of my action and vote on this bill long, diligent, thoughtful, and prayerful attention. Any necessity for additional legislation on this subject should be presented in a very much modified bill. I see no necessity now for the passage of this bill with its unlimited powers and authorizations; and as it now stands I shall vote against it.

MR. HOLMAN was among the last speakers to address the Senate against the War-Dictator Bill. The vote was taken a short time later. Four days after speaking in opposition to the measure, while the internationalists at the Capital were still flushed with a sense of triumph, the Senator from Oregon propounded a final question — a sober question which every Christian American will do well to contemplate:

"Mr. President, it is apparent that this Government is about to embark upon a great adventure, the consequences of which will be vital to the Republic and hazardous to the welfare of the American people.

"It is my intention always to follow through in contemplating any problem of public or private administration. Since either total victory or total defeat is the only choice the President will countenance, and as anyone who considers any other termination of this war is, in his opinion, a despicable appeaser, let us assume that by a combination of resources and forces of the United States and Britain, which the bill H. R. 1776 proposes to authorize, the complete conquest of Hitler and Germany is accomplished. Then what?

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"Are we then to withdraw our victorious armies from Germany and from Europe as we did in the last war, and are we then again to permit the international traders and profiteers to assist the conquered peoples to rearm, and again start another world war with all its terrors, tragedies, and devastation? Or are we to maintain a permanent army of occupation to police the conquered peoples? And then what?

"In the meantime, after the American, English, Scandinavian, and Germanic peoples have destroyed themselves in this war, WILL NOT THE COMMUNISTS OF RUSSIA AND ELSEWHERE OVERRUN EUROPE AND POSSIBLY AMERICA?

"I should like the proponents of the bill to inform the Senate and the American people, which of these courses the administration intends to adopt, in case total victory and not total defeat, awaits us."

With Senator Holman's observations in mind, let us ask . . . Who are these "internationalists" and "international bankers," referred to in his speech? Do they represent some particular racial stock? Although residing in different countries, are they, in many instances, members of the same families—brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, cousins, second-cousins, forty-second cousins? Just who are the internationalists?

For answer, turn to one of Senator Holman's severest critics — Lite, a newsstand publication, that specializes in smearing Christians and patriots who dare tell the truth about the hidden

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The writer of these words does not profess to know who owns Life . . . or the nationality of its various stockholders . . . or to what degree the magazine may find it expedient to cater to Jewish advertisers . . . or what its other "internationalist" connections may or may not be . . . or why it should be beating the tom toms of war so persistently during these days of anxiety and uncertainty . . . but the fact that it should scream Hitlerism at Senators Holman, Wheeler and Nye, in its edition of March 17th, is not without significance. Here is Life's editorial:

"BORROWED TALK. Apparently growing tired of hearing themselves repeat their stock arguments against the Lease-Lend bill (since very few col-leagues stayed on the Senate floor to hear them), the Senate isolationists last week borrowed a few new ones from Adolf Hitler. Montana's Wheeler led off on the radio March 3 by denouncing 'the international bankers joining with the Sassoons of the Orient and with the Rothschilds and the Warburgs of Europe in another theme song - Our investments in India, Africa and Europe must be preserved. Save de-

"Next day, though naming no JEW-ISH NAMES, Oregon's burly Holman took up the Wheeler theme on the Senate floor. 'I doubt if the right is all on one side of either of the present belli-gerents,' said he. 'At least Hitler has broken the control of the international bankers and traders over the rewards for the labor of the common people of Germany. In my opinion it would be advantageous if the control of the international bankers and traders over the wages and savings and manner of living of the people of England could be broken by the English people, and

if their control over the people of the U. S. could be broken by the people of the U.S.'

"North Dakota's Nye contented himself with a two-hour-and-20-minute excoriation of the British Empire as 'the despotic, arbitrary and sometimes ty-rannical ruler over almost half a bil-lion people' and 'the greatest aggressor in all modern history.

"Finally on March 7 the isolationists, having long since exhausted the nation's patience, got exhausted themselves. Freed, the Senate majority proceeded to batter down one restrictive amendment after another, ended next day by passing the bill, 60-to-31.'

Thus, in the language of United States Senator Bennett Clark, "The people of America are moving to war on a turbulent cataract of untruths and propaganda, driven by INTERNA-TIONAL FINANCIERS who will coin money out of the blood of your sons."

MEN LIKE BRYAN NEEDED TODAY

ADMIRERS of William Jennings Bryan used to find delight in referring to his prophetic insight. They claimed it took the public several years to catch up with him.

Persons sharing his ideals, often called attention to the fact that he advocated many major reforms, far in advance — including (1) popular election of United States Senators, (2) the extension of suffrage to women on equal terms with men, and (3) abolishment of the old saloon (since brought back by the Roosevelt Administration) by curbing the liquor traffic through Constitutional Amendment.

A review of speeches and lectures delivered by the Commoner, over a period of years, shows them to contain much sound philosophy, wholesome admonition and Christian instruction, adapted in a peculiar way to the present American crisis.

Men of the Bryan type - men of moral and intellectual integrity, ani-mated by the true American spirit, are needed at the Nation's Capitol today, to help guide the Ship of State through the storm which is so rapidly approaching. The following extracts from Bryan's addresses, are such as to command the attention of all Christian and patriotically-minded Americans:

"Righteousness Exalteth A Nation"

taught, that we must enter into a mad rivalry with the Old World in the building of battleships-the doctrine that the only way to preserve peace is to get ready for wars that ought never to come! It is a barbarous, brutal, un-Christian doctrine-the doctrine of the darkness, not the doctrine of the dawn.

Nation after nation, when at the zenith of its power, has proclaimed itself invincible because its army could shake the earth with its tread, and its ships could fill the seas, but these nations are dead, and we must build upon a different foundation if we would avoid their fate.

Carlyle, in the closing chapters of s "French Revolution" says that thought is stronger than artillery parks and at last molds the world like soft clay, and then he adds that back of the thought is love. Carlyle is right. Love is the greatest power in the world. The nations that are dead boasted that their flag was feared; let it be our boast that our flag is loved. The nations that are dead boasted that people bowed before their flag, let us not be content until our flag represents sentiments so high and holy that the oppressed of every land will turn their faces toward that flag and thank God that there is one flag that stands for self-government and the rights of man.

The enlightened conscience of our I challenge the doctrine, now being | nation should proclaim as the country's creed that "righteousness exalteth a nation" and that justice is a nation's surest defense. If ever a nation was called to put God's truth to the test, it is ours; if there ever was a time, it is now. With an ocean rolling on either side and a mountain range along either coast that all the armies of the world could never climb, we ought not to be afraid to trust in "the wisdom of doing right."

Our government, conceived in freedom and purchased with blood, can be preserved only by constant vigilance. May we guard it as our children's richest legacy, for what shall it profit our nation if it shall gain the whole world and lose "the spirit that prizes liberty as the heritage of all men in all lands everywhere"?

> (From the Lecture "The Price of a Soul.")

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the responsibilities of today and measures up to the possibilities of the future.

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Behold a republic in which civil and religious liberty stimulate all to earnest endeavor and in which the law restrains every hand uplifted for a neighbor's injury-a republic in which every citizen is a sovereign, but in which no one cares or dares to wear a crown.

Behold a republic standing erect while empires all around are bowed beneath the weight of their own armaments-a republic whose flag is loved while other flags are only feared.

Behold a republic gradually but surely becoming the supreme moral factor in the world's progress and the accepted arbiter of the world's disputes -a republic whose history, like the path of the just, "is as the shining light that shineth more and more unto the perfect day."

(From Speech on "Imperialism.")

Christianity Against Imperialism

If true Christianity consists in carrying out in our daily lives the teachings of Christ, who will say that we are commanded to civilize with dynamite and proselyte with the sword? He who would declare the divine will must prove his authority either by Holy Writ or by evidence of a special dispensation.

Imperialism finds no warrant in the Bible. The command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," has no Gatling gun attachment. When Jesus visited a village of Samaria and the people refused to receive him, some of the disciples suggested that fire should be called down from Heaven to avenge the insult; but the Master rebuked them and said: "Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of; for the Son of Man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them."

Suppose he had said: "We will thrash them until they understand who we are," how different would have been the victory of Christianity! Compare, if you will, the swaggering, bullying, brutal doctrine of imperialism with the golden rule and the commandment, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thy-

Love, not force, was the weapon of the Nazarene; sacrifice for others, not the exploitation of them, was His method of reaching the human heart. A missionary recently told me that the Stars and Stripes once saved his life because his assailant recognized our flag as a flag that had no blood upon it.

(From Speech on "Imperialism.")

Militarism

Governor Black, of New York, in presenting the name of President Theodore Roosevelt to the Republican convention, used these words:

"The fate of nations is still decided by their wars. You may talk of orderly tribunals and learned referees; you may sing in your schools the gentle praises of the quiet life; you may strike from your books the last note of every martial anthem, and yet out in the smoke and thunder will always be the tramp of horses and the silent, rigid, upturned face. Men may prophesy and women pray, but peace will come here to abide forever on this earth only when the dreams of childhood are accepted charts to guide the destinies of men.

"Events are numberless and mighty, and no man can tell which wire runs around the world. The nation basking today in the quiet and contentment of repose may still be on the deadly circuit and tomorrow writhing in the toils of war. This is the time when great figures must be kept in front. If the pressure is great the material to resist it must be granite and iron."

This is an eulogy of war. This is a declaration that the hoped-for, prayedfor, era of perpetual peace will never come. This is an exalting of the doctrine of brute force; it darkens the hopes of the race.

This Republican president, a candidate for re-election, is presented as the embodiment of the war-like spirit as "the granite and iron" that represent modern militarism.

Do you men of the east, desire to defeat the military idea? Friends of the south, are you anxious to defeat the military idea? Let me assure you

that not one of you, north, east, or south, fears more than I do the tri-umph of that idea. If this is the doctrine that our nation is to stand for, it is retrogression, not progress. It is a lowering of the ideals of the nation. It is a turning backward to the age of violence. More than that, it is nothing less than a challenge to the Christian civilization of the world.

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(From St. Louis Convention Speech. 1904.)

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You now have before you the text of the note to Germany - the note which it would have been my official duty to sign had I remained Secretary of State. I ask you to sit in judgment upon my decision to resign rather than to share responsibility for it. I am sure you will credit me with honorable motives, but that is not enough. Good intentions could not atone for a mistake at such a time, on such a subject and under such circumstances. If your verdict is against me, I ask no mercy; I deserve none if I have acted unwisely. A man in public life must act according to his conscience, but however conscientiously he acts he must be prepared to accept without complaint any condemnation which his own errors may bring upon him; he must be willing to bear any deserved punishment from ostracism to execution. But hear me before you pass sentence.

The President and I agree in purpose; we desire a peaceful solution of the dispute which has arisen between the United States and Germany. We not only desire it, but with equal fervor we pray for it, but we differ ir-reconcilably as to the means of securing it, If it were merely a personal difference, it would be a matter of little moment, for all the presumptions are on his side — the presumptions that go with authority. He is your President; I am a private citizen without office or title - but one of 100,000,000 inhabitants.

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Among the influences which governments employ in dealing with each other there are two which are preeminent and antagonistic - force and persuasion. Force speaks with firmness and acts through the ultimatum; persuasion employs argument, courts investigation and depends upon negotiation. Force represents the old system —the system that must pass away; persuasion represents the new system the system that has been growing, all too slowly, it is true, but growing, for 1.900 years.

If I correctly interpret the note to Germany, it conforms to the standards of the old system rather than to the rules of the new, and I cheerfully admit that it is abundantly supported by precedents - precedents written in characters of blood upon almost every page of human history. Austria furnishes the most recent precedent; it was Austria's firmness that dictated the ultimatum against Serbia which set the world at war. Every ruler now participating in this unparalleled conflict has proclaimed his desire for peace and denied responsibility for the war, and it is only charitable that we should credit all of them with good faith. They desired peace, but they sought it according to the rules of the old sys-They believed that firmness would give the best assurance of the maintenance of peace, and faithfully following precedent, they went so near the fire that they were, one after another, sucked into the contest.

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gardens into cemeteries and their homes into houses of mourning; they are taxing the wealth of today and laying a burden of debt on the toil of the future: they have filled the air with thunderbolts more deadly than those of Jove, and they have multiplied the perils of the deep. Adding fresh fuel to the flame of hate, they have daily devised new horrors, until one side is endeavoring to drown non-combatant men, women and children at sea, while the other side seeks to starve noncombatant men, women and children on land. And they are so absorbed in alternate retaliations and in competitive cruelties that they seem, for the time being, blind to the rights of neutrals and deaf to the appeals of humanity. A tree is known by its fruit. The war in Europe is the ripened fruit of the old system.

This is what firmness, supported by force, has done in the Old World. Shall we invite it to cross the Atlantic? Already the jingoes of our own country have caught the rabies from the dogs of war. Shall the opponents of organized slaughter be silent while the disease

As an humble follower of the Prince of Peace, as a devoted believer in the prophecy that "they that take the sword shall perish with the sword," I beg to be counted among those who earnestly urge the adoption of a course in this matter which will leave no doubt of our government's willingness to continue negotiations with Germany until an amicable understanding is reached, or at least until, the stress of war is over, we can appeal from Philip drunk carnage to Philip sobered by the memories of an historic friendship and a recollection of the innumerable ties of kinship that bind the Fatherland to the United States.

Some day the nations will place their trust in love, the weapon for which there is no shield; in love, that suffereth long and is kind; in love, that is not easily provoked, that beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all

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things, endureth all things; in love which, though despised as weakness by the worshippers of Mars, abideth when all else fails.

(From Statement Issued After Resigning as Secretary of State.)

The Bible

Next to the belief in God I would place the acceptance of the Bible as the word of God. I need not present arguments in its support; its claims have been established — the burden of proof is upon those who reject it. Those who regard it as a man-made book should be challenged to put their theory to the test. If man made the Bible, he is, unless he has degenerated, able to make as good a book today.

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Your loving brother in Christ.

This family is in great need. We urge you, dear friend, in Christ's name to help generously. Your gift will be acknowledged promptly and sent immediately for the relief of suffering Russian families. Act quickly, please!

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before. Science had not unlocked Nature's door and revealed the secrets of rocks below and stars above. From what a scantily supplied storehouse of knowledge they had to draw, compared with the unlimited wealth of information at man's command today. And yet these Bible characters grappled with every problem that confronts mankind, from the creation of the world to eternal life beyond the tomb. They have given us a diagram of man's existence from the cradle to the grave and they have set up warnings at every dangerous point along the path.

We turn back to the Bible for the Ten Commandments which form the foundation of our statute law and for the Sermon on the Mount, which lavs down the rules for our spiritual growth. The Bible gives us the story of the birth, the works, the crucifixion, the resurrection and the ascension of Him whose coming was foretold in prophecy, whose arrival was announced by the Angel voices, singing Peace and Goodwill - the history of Him who gave to the world a code of morality superior to anything that the world had ever known before or has known since the thrilling story of One whom the world is accepting as Saviour and as the Perfect Example.

Let the atheists and the materialists produce a better Bible than ours, if they can. Let them collect the best of their school to be found among the graduates of universities — as many as they please and from every land. Let the members of this selected group travel where they will, consult such libraries as they please, and employ every modern means of the swift communication.

Let them glean in the fields of geology, botany, astronomy, biology and zoology, and then roam at will wherever science has opened the way; let them take advantage of all the progress in art and in literature, in oratory and in history - let them use to the full every instrumentality that is employed in modern civilization. And when they have exhausted every source, let them embody the results of their best intelligence in a book and offer it to the world as a substitute for this Bible of ours. Have they the confidence that the Prophets of Baal had in their god? Will they try? If not, what excuse will they give? Has man fallen from his high estate, so that we can not rightfully expect as much of him now as nineteen centuries ago? Or does

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the Bible come to us from a source that is higher than man — which?

(From "The Making of a Man.")

Proof of Immortality

If the Father deigns to touch with divine power the cold and pulseless heart of the buried acorn and to make it burst forth from its prison walls, will He leave neglected in the earth the soul of man, made in the image of his Creator? If He stops to give to the rosebush, whose withered blossoms float upon the autumn breeze, the sweet assurance of another springtime, will He refuse the words of hope to the sons of men when the frosts of winter come? If matter, mute and inanimate, though changed by the forces of nature into a multitude of forms, can never die, will the imperial spirit of man suffer annihilation when it has paid a brief visit like a royal guest to this tenement of clay? No, I am sure that He who, notwithstanding His apparent prodigality, created nothing without a purpose, and wasted not a single atom in all His creation, has made provision for a future life in which man's universal longing for immortality will find its realization. I am as sure that we live again as I am sure that we live today.

(From "The Prince of Peace.")

The Grain of Wheat

In Cairo I secured a few grains of wheat that had slumbered for more than thirty centuries in an Egyptian tomb. As I looked at them this thought came into my mind: If one of those grains had been planted on the banks of the Nile the year after it grew, and all its lineal descendants had been planted and replanted from that time until now, its progeny would today be sufficiently numerous to feed the teeming millions of the world. An unbroken chain of life connects the earliest grains of wheat with the grains that we sow and reap. There is in the grain of wheat an invisible something which has the power to discard the body that we see, and from earth and air fashion a new body so much like the old one that we can not tell the one from the other. If this invisible germ of life in the grain of wheat can thus pass unimpaired through three thousand resurrections, I shall not doubt that my soul has power to clothe itself with a body suited to its new existence when this earthly frame has crumbled into dust.

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Ver. 1-28. A bad conscience makes men timid; the righteous are alone truly bold (ch. 14. 28; Psalm 27. 1). 2. Anarchy producing contending rulers shortens the reign of each, but by a man... prolonged—or, "by a man of understanding—i.e., a good ruler—he who knows or regards the right, i.e., a good citizen, shall prolong (his days)." Good rulers are a blessing to the people. Bad government as a punishment for evil is contrasted with good as blessing to the good. 3. A poor man . . . &c .-

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Modernism -- What? Whence? Whither?

Rev. Edgar E. Strother, New York City

WHAT is Modernism? Where did it come from? Where will it ultimately lead one?

To give clear and concise answers to these three questions, is the purpose of this article.

First of all, let the distinction between Modernism and Modernists be made clear; not all persons who are called Modernists or who regard themselves as Modernists are really believers in the system of doctrine which is called Modernism. Many sincere Christians, who are either uninstructed in regard to the real nature of Modernism or are deceived by the subtle and plausible presentations by Modernist leaders, are now reckoned among the Modernists.

Many weak and thoughtless Christians who desire to be considered "up-to-date" and who have the mistaken idea that Modernism represents the highest scholarship, are proud to count themselves among the Modernists because they wish to be popular. Some who are real Christians, having been under the influence of godly parents and teachers in childhood and thus led to a true faith in Christ, have drifted into worldliness and become connected with Modernist churches, and, perhaps, attracted by the charming personality of a Modernist pastor, they have gradually come under the spell of Modernism.

There are doubtless some preachers who have been beguiled into the acceptance of Modernism by the subtle presentation of it by clever theological professors and lured on by the desire to be popular and to secure posts in the fashionable Modernist churches, who are, nevertheless, real Christian men. All such Christians, who are entangled in any way in the net of Modernism, will most surely have a sad awakening some day and will be overwhelmed by sorrow and regret and anguish.

However, they are real Christians and not false professors of Christianity, and the following statements regarding Modernists do not apply to such *misguided or uninstructed believers*. One purpose of this article is to open the eyes of such Christians and warn them of the peril of Modernism.

Turning now to the three questions in our title, let the clearest and briefest answers be stated in unmistakable terms first of all, and then let the evidence of the correctness of these answers be given.

- 1. Modernism Is Not Christianity, But a Deceitful Anti-Christian System.
- II. Modernism was Spawned in Evil. Originating in the Mind of Satan.
- III. Modernism, if Followed Logically, Will Surely Lead One to Perdition.

Now, in proof of the truthfulness of these answers, let the following facts be noted:

I. Modernism Is NOT Christianity, but a Deceitful anti-Christian System. It is indeed remarkable that we have the proof of this assertion in certain plain statements written by Modernist leaders, although they do not usually speak or write so frankly, but rather camouflage their teachings as a "new interpretation" or "re-statement of Christianity."

The following quotation from an editorial in *The Christian Century*, a magazine which is spoken of as "the leading exponent of Modernism," has not been contradicted by a single Modernist since its publication several years ago, and it states the facts as clearly as they have ever been stated by evangelical believers:

"Christianity according to Fundamentalism is one religion. Christianity according to Modernism is another religion. Which is the true religion is the question that is to be settled in all probability by our generation for future generations. There is a clash here as profound and as grim as between Christianity and Confucianism. Amiable words cannot hide the differences. 'Blest be the tie' may be sung till doomsday but it cannot bind these two worlds together. The God of the Fundamentalist is one God; the God of the Modernist is another. The Christ of the Fundamentalist is one Christ; the Christ of the Modernist is another. The Bible of Fundamentalism is one Bible; the Bible of Modernism is another. The Church, the kingdom. the salvation, the consummation of all things—these are one thing to Fundamentalists and another thing to Modernists. Which God is the Christian God, which Christ is the Christian Christ, which Bible is the Christian Bible. which church, which kingdom, which salvation, which consummation, are the Christian church, the Christian kingdom, the Christian salvation, the Christian consummation? The future will tell."

With this Modernist editor's final assertion, "the future will tell," no Fundamentalist would agree, or rather none

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would agree that we must wait until some future time to be certain as to the issue; the utterances of Christ and the apostles and prophets in the past, leave no room for doubt or question in the mind of a true Christian. The absolute difference between "the Faith which was once for all delivered unto the saints" and Modernist theology could not be more satisfactorily stated for Fundamentalists, however, than has been done in the above declaration by The Christian Century.

The limitations of this brief article do not permit of extensive quotation from the writings of other Modernist theologians, but the contrast between the true Christian Faith and false Modernist Theology, is accurately set forth in the following outline of seven points, which first appeared some years ago as a cartoon entitled, "No Middle Ground-Only A Chasm." It is significant that Modernists have not denied that these seven points state their position correctly. It is a mystery how some good people can argue for union between Fundamentalists and Modernists and claim that there is very little difference between the two, when faced by the following irreconcilable contrasts:

NO MIDDLE GROUND-ONLY A CHASM

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- "The Book judges man."
- 2. Jesus Christ is THE Son of God in a sense in which no other is.
- 3. The birth of Jesus was SUPER-NATURAL.
- 4. The death of Jesus was EXPLIATORY.
- 5. Man is the product of CREATION.
- 6. Man is a SINNER, fallen from original righteousness, and apart from God's redeeming grace is hopelessly lost.
- 7. Man is justfied by FAITH in the atoning blood of Christ; resultsupernatural regeneration from ABOVE.

Modernist Theology:

- 1. The Bible CONTAINS the word of God. "Man judges the book."
- 2. Jesus Christ'is A son of
- God in the sense in which all men are.
- 3. The birth of Jesus was NATURAL.
- 4. The death of Jesus was EXEMPLARY.
- 5. Man is the product of EVOLUTION.
- 6. Man is the unfortunate VICTIM of environment but through self-culture can 'make good.'
- 7. Man is justifier by WORKS in following Christ's example; result - natural development from WITHIN.

It is indeed strange how Modernist theologians can pose as teachers of Christian doctrine, when propagating a philosophy which is such a complete denial of the true Christian Faith, as shown in the above seven points.

One of their favorite methods is the adoption of a double meaning for certain words or phrases, by which they give the impression to the average person that they mean one thing, while they really mean quite a different thing. Their real meaning is understood by their Modernist hearers, who have been initiated into the mysteries of their vocabulary. It is only when the subtle methods of deceit become known that the real anti-Christian nature of Modernism is realized. Only then is its real aim and object clearly understood, namely, the undermining of the true Christian Faith.

When the correctness of the answer to our first question is established, it ought not to be necessary to produce evidence to prove the accuracy of the answer to the second question:

II. Modernism was Spawned in Evil, Originating in the Mind of Satan. It goes without saying that if Modernism is a system of false teaching, a tissue of lies-which it assuredly is-it must have originated in the mind of the devil, whom our Lord described as the father of lies. It is to be greatly regretted that the real Satanic origin and nature of Modernism is not more generally recognized and proclaimed by Christian people, many of whom are most effectively aiding the anti-Christian campaign by speaking softly about and even flattering this Satanic system, if not actually fraternizing with it.

It should be admitted by all that Modernism is not modern, that the name is actually a misnomer, for it is as old as the devil, and really had its beginning when Satan lifted up his heart in proud rebellion against God and sought to usurp God's place in Heaven. This very spirit of rebellion against God and His revealed will, and the exalting of the creature against the Creator, is characteristic of Modernism, with its denial of God as Creator and the substitution of the teaching of Evolution and the deification of man. The first subtle lie of Satan in Eden, "Ye shall be as gods," is the basis of Modernism.

It has, of course, been necessary for Satan to make use of human instruments down through the centuries, and it is a significant fact that ever since the establishment of the Christian Church in the days of the apostles, a Satanic conspiracy has been carried forward continuously in a most subtle manner, until today it is world-wide in extent and almost unlimited in its ramifications, and of the human instruments made use of by Satan, some are of the same racial group who were most bitter against our Lord in the days of His flesh and who were also most active in opposition to the preaching of the Gospel by the apostles regarding His atoning death and victorious resurrection. It would require the whole of an article much longer than this one, to present the historical facts, but the facts are easily available.

It is, of course, true that the apostles were Jews, and that the apostolic Church was largely composed of Jewish converts, and that many of the outstanding Christians during the past nineteen hundred years have been converts from Judaism, but the fact remains that they were most bitterly persecuted and ostracized and counted as dead to their families, which indicates the degree of opposition of the race towards Christ and His Church.

In view of the plain teaching of the New Testament regarding the rejection of Christ by the leaders of the Jews and the strenuous persecution of the apostolic Church by -Turn To Page 12.

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Jews, it is strange how most people today fail, or purposely refuse, to see the influence of some Jews in the world-wide anti-Christian conspiracy. There is and abundance of evidence that through the control of international finance, the press, the movies, the schools, secret societies, and practically all political and religious organizations, enemies are carrying out the anti-Christian conspiracy according to a well-planned secret program.

It is, of course, an open secret that the anti-Christian program of international Communism did not originate with the Russian people. The close affinity between certain Modernist theologians and the Red leaders is more easily understood when the real nature of Modernism is realized.

In conclusion, it will hardly be necessary to produce

any evidence to substantiate the assertion in the answer to our third query:

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III. Modernism, if Followed Logically, Will Surely Lead One to Perdition. The teaching of God's Word is plain regarding the only way of salvation, through faith in the risen Christ. Modernism teaches a false way of salvation, or rather denies man's need of any salvation. The keynote of the Christian's life is summed up in the words, "I believe," while the keynote of the Modernist is expressed in his oft-repeated words, "I don't believe," whether he is referring to the Virgin Birth, the Atonement, the Resurrection or any other Fundamental doctrine.

Christians are essentially BELIEVERS, while Modernists are really UNBELIEVERS. The final destiny of all unbelievers is clearly stated in Revelation 21:8—"But the fearful and UNBELIEVING . . . shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death."

The Enemy Forces

Most of our opposition comes, of course, from the Callolics and the Protestant Fundamentalists. In addition to our old antagonists, such as the American Tract Society, the Gideons (who again this year threatened us with suit because some one had stuck one of our Bible pasters in a Gideon Bible in an Albany, N. Y., hotel), the Defenders, led by Gerald B. Winrod, the notorious author of "Snakes in an Atheist's Grave," which is perhaps the most widely circulated pious leaflet, and the World's Christian Fundamentalist Association, several new reactionary groups have opposed our work. The American Coalition of Patriotic, Civic and Fraternal Societies in New York published a pamphlet on our propaganda.

The Modernists seem to attack Atheism only to screen their own unbelief. No better proof of our contention that the Church is losing can be given than that the Modernists are now in control of all the larger Protestant denominations and, working from the inside discredit the basic teachings of Christianity in the name Christianity. In this grand farce, fortunately for us, the dumb Fundamentalists through contributions pay for the destruction of their own belief in the Bible as a superhuman, in-

fallible book. The Modernists are superior in strategy. When recently President Smith twitted the Rev. Dr. Riley with these facts, the Fundamentalist leader boasted of what he would do at the recent annual conference in Washington of the Northern Baptists. But at that and the other denominational conventions this Spring the Fundamentalists were defeated. They are hopelessly beaten. They cannot vote the Modernists out and dare not themselves withdraw. These two groups are held to gether by real estate.

Higher Critics within the Church, carrying on the work of Voltaire, Paine and Ingersoll, in milder language, it is admitted, have made many Christians so ashamed of their creed that we now hear of that acme of absurdity, "a creedless faith"—of persons who believe, without believing anything. Thus Christianity slowly dissolves.

But the good work of these Modernists not only does not lessen the need of Atheist propaganda but instead serves to emphasize its importance. Though its activities are on a smaller scale, the Advance Guard is always the most important unit in the army. We must continue to lead the way.

Modernism, Atheism, Judaism

THE ABOVE PHOTOGRAPHIC REPRINT OF A CIRCULAR ISSUED BY THE "AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF ATHEISM," SPEAKS VOLUMES. It shows that an unmistakable intimacy exists between Modernism and Atheism.

Let it be noted that Modernists are pictured as subtly "working from within (to) discredit the basic teachings of Christianity in the name of Christianity." On the other hand, Bible-believing Christians who "through contributions pay for the destruction of their own belief" are characterized by the Atheists as "dumb."

This frank statement by the "priesthood of modern Atheism," should serve to impress laymen with the solemn fact, that when supporting Modernistic Church machinery, they become a party to the crimes being perpetrated against Christ's Cause.

It will be a good day for Protestantism in America, when the people of the pew, awaken to their responsibility, and refuse to lend either moral or financial aid to any religious program that is disloyal to the Faith.

In his article on Modernism, Mr. Strother refers to the inherent aversion which Jewry entertains toward Christianity. Judaism has always been an opposition force to the work of the Lord Jesus Christ. It is the one anti-Christ religion of the world. Buddhism,

(Note... The above plate is an exact reproduction of a piece of literature printed and circulated by the American Association for the Advancement of Atheism.)

Brahmanism, Confucianism, Zoroasterism, and Hinduism are not Christian... but neither are they avowedly anti-Christian. They do not breathe hatred for Christ. They do not spit when His name is mentioned. They do not go through the form of a burial service—burying, considering as dead, one of their number who makes a Christian profession.

Question: What is there in Christianity that renders it so objectionable to Judaism?

Answer: Such basic doctrines as the Deity of Christ, His Virgin Birth, Atonement, Resurrection, Ascension, and the hope of the Second Coming.

In other words, the supernatural

claims made for the Lord of Glory are diametrically opposed to everything **Judaistic.**

Unbiased analysis shows Modernism to be a restatement of Judaism. Perfect agreement exists between the two systems. The Church of Jesus Christ, has been to a great extent robbed of its message . . . sapped of spiritual strength, by Judaizing influences. Modernist preechers are Judaizers.

Observe, for instance, the similarity of attitude toward the Virgin Birth. The Modernist rejects the supernatural claims made for the birth of Christ. Turning to the Talmud, one finds the official position of Judaism regarding this doctrine, stated in a confession which Mary is supposed to have made to a Rabbi by the name of Akibah. These blasphemous words are attributed to the mother of our Lord:

"The day I was married I was having menstruation, and because of this my husband left me. But an evil spirit came and slept with me and from this intercourse my son was born to me.'

The passage in the Talmud concludes: "Thus it was proved that this young man (Jesus) was not only illegitimate but also conceived during the menstruation of his mother. And when his questioners heard this they declared: 'Great indeed was Rabbi Akibah when he corrected his Elders."

When the Protestant clergy of the United States comes to fully understand the relation of Judaism to Modernism ... the underground passageway connecting the two systems . . . the secret methods employed to infiltrate both the Liberal and Evangelical branches of current Christianity with Judaistic ideals . . . the tactics followed for depositing Jewish teachings in Christian schools and seminaries . . . the schemes used to advance Judaized leaders to positions of responsibility in the various denominations-when the Preachers of this Country realize what has happened, how things have been maneuvered to denature, devitalize, distort and disrupt the Gospel message, MOD-ERNISM WILL BE SHUNNED AS ONE WOULD AVOID A VIPER.

The Jewish Anti-Defamation League of the B'nai B'rith has issued an official statement for members, in which they boast of having brought about "close cooperation with the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in Ameri-

As far as can be learned, the Federal Council has never denied being the recipient of regular financial contributions from Jewish quarters. Let Christians ask themselves, why powerful Jews should be willing to help subsidize the Federal Council of Churches, an allegedly Christian organization?

The Anti-Defamation League has been described as "an intelligence bureau, a secret spy system . . . its methods and technique are not unlike those of the G. P. U. in Russia and the Gestapo in Germany."

No informed person doubts that a large section of the news-gathering agencies of the United States, is under Jewish dominance. Various plans have been evolved for bringing "pressure" to bear upon press and radio channels where the racial group does not maintain direct control through financial investments. Does this account for the fact that the Federal Council of Churches always enjoys a favorable press, in spite of its well-known red record, whereas, those who stand for the old Faith and Gospel truth, are consistently ignored or opposed by an adverse press?

One only needs to read the Jewish record as given in the New Testament, to understand the necessity of creating Christian safeguards against Judaistic penetration. Seed thoughts are being constantly planted in Church soil, to generate opposition against the basic doctrines of historical and evangelical Christianity. As an example of sly, propaganda methods now in use, let attention be focused upon the following

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report, culled from a piece of Anti-Defamation literature circulated among the membership of the organization:

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Here is an instance of Jewry, working stealthily behind "the executive committee of that denomination" and then boasting about it. In this instance, the "front" is described as being Fundamentalist. The report does not explain the kind of pressure used to produce the result.

The book "Octopus," cites many instances, and gives documentary proof, showing how some so-called Ministers of the Gospel, together with certain allegedly Christian organizations, have been caught fronting for the B'nai B'rith. Prominent names appear among the group, thus exposed, for having formed "tainted contacts."

Every Pastor who would know the unpleasant truth about the underhanded methods used, to weaken, confuse and devitalize the Christian forces of our Nation, should have a copy of "Octopus" in his study.

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was a Revival of supernatural religion so much needed. And it is to be questioned, if spiritual life was ever at a lower ebb in our Churches.

Why this state of affairs? Because negation, doubt and unbelief have replaced the positive, militant, prophetic message which, when proclaimed in the past, has wrought such mighty works.

The present situation calls for a dvnamic, uncompromising Gospel - a forceful appeal to probe the conscience, stir the soul and raise standards of personal and national morality.

Let those in both pulpit and pew,

take the question mark off the supernatural inspiration of the Scriptures; take the question mark off the deity of Christ, the Virgin Birth, the doctrine of the Atonement, and every other fundamental of historical and evangelical Christianity. And there will soon be a change for the better. Unless the Church of Jesus Christ shoulders her responsibility, there is no hope that the Nation will be brought to repentance—or made to swing again in the orbit of God's Sovereign Will.

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Creative Evangelism

Dr. Willard Pope, Portland, Oregon

IT WAS in the fall of the year, during the harvest feast called Pentecost, that Peter delivered his famous oration, outlined in the book of Acts. Some theologians regard this as the birthday of the Church. Others differ. Anyway, on that occasion, there was released a current of Creative Evangelism which has wielded a wholesome influence upon men and nations down to the present hour.

Being an opposition movement to existing religious thought, the new vital force called Christianity, came to immediate grips with elements of reaction. Spasms of persecution swept against the early Christians. The blood of the martyrs became the seed of the Church.

Nero burned Rome in the year 64 A.D. He later denied the crime and placed the blame upon the Christians. Historians tell us that, in the suffering which followed, helpless believers were sewn in skins of animals and fed to wild dogs. They were hurled on beds of spikes, crucified, smeared with pitch, and changed into human firebrands to illuminate Roman gardens and playgrounds.

It was a sad day for the human family when Creative Evangelism began to lose its momentum. History attests that the dark ages, known as the Devil's Millennium, became possible only when the spiritual light of Bible Revivalism was extinguished.

But with the passing of the centuries, holy fires were again kindled, and giants for God, like Savonarola, Huss, Tyndale, Calvin and Knox, began to thunder their denunciations of evil; and the conscience of a continent was stirred. A moral and spiritual renaissance took

Creative Evangelism is absolutely essential to the welfare of civilization. It builds moral fiber, contributes to law and order, promotes national integrity, and changes individual lives and homes.

The historian Green writes of a time when England was on the verge of suicide from the influence of the French Revolution sweeping across the English Channel, but was miraculously saved, by the Wesleyan Revival.

I submit that America is facing her greatest crisis today. Our one hope is a revival of old-fashioned, Holy Ghost Evangelism, a spiritual awakening, a return to God and the Bible as the Word of God. This will stir the slumbering conscience of America, contribute to economic and political integrity, and rebuild national character. It is true, that the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ is the most creative force the world has ever known.

The days of Evangelism over? No friends, as long as our Lord Jesus remains at the right hand of the Father, as our High Priest; and men and women remain on this earth who share His passion for lost souls, as did John Knox when he prayed, "O God, give me Scotland or I'll die," the days of Creative Evangelism will not be over!

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Let poets sing thy worthy praise And artists paint thy sky, And may thy sons and daughters raise A standard that is high In honor, honesty and right To match thy ev'ry scene, And let them labor with their might To keep thee pure and clean.

I love the beauty of thy hills, The mountains high and grand. With all their crystal, sparkling rills That flow across the land, With flow'rs that grow along their brink And trees so great and tall; That make thy nature lovers think Of God who made them all.

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Triumph Over The Tomb

Dr. Kenneth Cornwell, Florence, S. C.

THE resurrection of Jesus is either the most stupendous fact of all history, or it is the greatest fraud ever perpetrated and foisted upon mankind. It was universally established in an extremely short time, and maintained and increased through the centuries as the race extended and developed . . ." writes John Bloor in his book Modernism and Its Restatement of Christian Doctrine.

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We shall not attempt to study the truthworthiness of the resurrection narratives, nor discuss the efforts of liberalism to deny and discard this center support of all Christian doctrine, faith and hope. We postulate the resur-rection of Jesus Christ as revealed and recorded for us in the Word of God, and proceed to set forth the basic implications of that great miracle for a Christian believer.

The triumph of Christ over the tomb means that a Christian believer is justified of all sin and sins.

Christ "was delivered for our offenses, and was raised again for our justification." Rom. 4:25. We were redeemed with the precious blood of Christ shed on the Cross, but we are assured of this redemption, made to know that Christ's work for us was accepted by the Father because He raised Him from the dead. Thus, we are placed in a position as if we had never sinned.

He bore our sins on the Cross; God judged Him that we might never be judged for the guilt of sin, and then to prove to us that Christ's sacrifice was fully accepted, God raised Him from the dead, and so in pointing to this resurrected Christ we can cry, "My sins are gone!"

II

Christ's triumph over the tomb is also the guarantee of the resurrection of man's body from the grave.

"And if Christ is not raised, your faith is vain . . . Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished." I Cor. 15:17, 18. "But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man (The Man Christ Jesus) came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in

Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming." I Cor. 15:20-23.

Now in Ephesians 1:14 we are told that the Holy Spirit indwells Christian believers as the "earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of His glory." Our bodies belong to Christ; He has redeemed them also,



The above is a photograph of the excavated tomb at Jerusalem, which is accepted by authorities as the burial place of the Lord Jesus Christ.

and in the day of resurrection He will claim these bodies from Satan's storehouse, the grave, and raise them from the dust. But if He, himself, had never risen from the tomb, we could never be raised. That He arose from the tomb is the guarantee that He will raise up our bodies, for He is faithful Who has promised.

The triumph of Christ over the tomb is also the pledge of our glorification. "I show you a mystery; We shall not

all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eve. at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory." I Cor. 15:51-54.

Christ has thus made ample provision for us, for whether we live until His coming, or whether we die, these bodies will be changed. "When he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is." I John 3:2.

'Whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son . . . whom he did predestinate, them he also called: whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified." Rom. 8:29,30.

Adam was the federal head of our race of natural men. Christ becomes by His resurrection from the dead the new Head of a supernatural race. This new race of people has been quickened by the Spirit of God. They are in-dwelt by the Spirit of God, enjoy a new nature and have their very being in Him. There would be no new race and no new Head if Christ had not risen from the tomb of death.

Christ's triumph over the tomb assures victory over Satan.

Christ has knocked a hole in the grave, raised a flag of victory over it, and Satan's fate is sealed. He failed to keep Christ in the tomb. God raised Him up, loosing the pains of death, "because it was not possible that He should be holden of it." Acts 2:24.

Christ was manifested that He might destroy the works of the Devil. He was raised the third day from the dead that He might ultimately cast the fallen Lucifer into the "lake of fire and brimstone." Rev. 20:10.

There is a mistaken notion abroad that Satan will be king over or in hell. Satan will be the most debased and broken personality in all the realm of the damned and doomed. He is to be tormented day and night forever, and his abode is not a kingdom, but

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a prison. Then will be finally fulfilled the words spoken millenniums of years ago, "I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." Gen. 3:15.

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With the resurrection of Christ is tied up the absolute vindication of all God's dealing with man.

God purposed to redeem man from the power of the Devil. He called a nation out of the loins of Abraham; out of that nation He called a tribe named Judah; from that tribe He selected the mother for the incarnation of the second Person of the Godhead.

This Son grew to manhood, lived a sinless life, was crucified according to the Scriptures. He arose from the dead, left instructions to His disciples for this dispensation of Grace, ascended back to the place from whence He had come, and someday is coming back to this earth to the work of judgment. In Romans 3:21-28 Paul discusses the passing over of sins committed by men in the dispensation of Law, and tells us that God has set forth Christ to declare God's righteousness and so explain why "He might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus."

All the methods of God with man through the ages would have been frustrated and wrecked if Christ had remained in the tomb. The three cardinal facts of the Christian philosophy and revelation are the death of Christ, the resurrection of Christ, and the second coming of Christ. The resurrection is the middle-support and holds together this divine system, or plan of God, for man's salvation. In the resurrection of Christ God vindicates Himself in all that He has done in the pages of the Old Testament.

VI

This triumph of Christ over the tomb means, too, that God's covenant with the Jews will be finally consummated. They will receive the land from the river of Egypt to the Euphrates River. The Covenant made with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob will not be broken.

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VII

With Christ triumphant over the tomb we are assured that He will come again.

This is the great hope that sustains us through the present wilderness-way of life—that at any moment Christ may come for His Church, and begin the closing events of this age. Such Scripture passages as John 14:1—3; I John 3:2; Romans 8:18-30; Galatians 5:5; Philippians 3:20,21; I Thessalonians 4:14-17; Acts 1:11 . . . and many others will have their fulfillment when He comes again to this earth. Paul very definitely links the resurrection and the second coming: "And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, who delivered us from the wrath to come."

The whole gamut of revelation pertaining to the final victory of right over wrong, of Christ over Satan, is tied up with the second coming. Every promise, every exhortation to holy living, every fundamental doctrine is tied in with the second coming of Christ which in itself is only possible because our Lord did rise bodily from Joseph of Arimathaea's tomb.

LINDBERGH, A PRAGMATIST

FUNK & WAGNALLS dictionary describes Pragmatism as "the doctrine that practical results are the sole test of truth."

From the American vantage point, the European situation is ugly, no matter how one looks at it. But facts are facts and must be faced.

Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh is one of the men, prominent in the present war controversy, who has shown sufficient capacity to advocate policies adapted to conditions as they are—rather than what he might wish them to be!

In his Collier's article, just published, he tells of having warned British officials in 1938 of the tremendous air power Germany was developing. He gave similar information to Washington leaders. Little attention was paid to his warning, with the result that it is now too late.

"For us to enter the conflict in Europe at this time, would result in defeat and humiliation," he continues.

On the other hand, it is his opinion that "The United States can build a military and commercial position on this continent, that is impregnable to attack, and which will force other nations to trade with us, if through expediency alone."

"We in America have waited until it is too late," says the Colonel, "and yet we step closer and closer to the war, as though hypnotized by its bombing and by its fury.

"Like France and England in 1939, we are unprepared today. We have not as many thoroughly modern fighting planes in our army and navy combined, as Germany produces in a single week; and our army is deplorably lacking in such essential items as tanks and anti-tank cannon."

Outlining plans for a nation-wide crusade to mobilize public sentiment along lines of neutrality, security and sanity, the Collier's article continues: "You can help us by organizing mass meetings against our entry into the war. You can help by attending such mass meetings. You can help by writing to your congressmen, to your senator and to your local newspaper, telling them of your views. But if you stand with us against war, you must act now, or it will be forever too late."

Senator Nye spoke in the same pragmatic vein late in March, on the eve of passage of the 7 billion dollar war appropriation bill:

"It is evident that as the war is now going, Britain will be defeated without the help of our navy and air force, perhaps even with it. Hence the British are maneuvering with all their astuteness to get us fully into the war without delay. They are bringing pressure to bear upon the President, to order our navy to convoy arms cargoes, to the British Isles.

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Cards -- The Devil's Picture Book

Evangelist John Carrara, Fairview, N. J.

As this Defender goes to press, Mr. Carrara, a successful Evangelist, is conducting a series of meetings in Wichita, Kansas.

SHOULD Christians play cards? That is the burning question before all Christians today. Some see no harm in card-playing and ridicule those who feel that it should not be done. So many play cards, that some good people wonder, if after all, it is wrong.

What is the fascination that the card game has for millions of people in America today? And it is a strange fascination. We read in the papers that, once a week from November to March, lessons in bridge were given over a hook-up of 116 broadcasting stations to at least 3,000,000 people of both sexes. Bridge is the greatest epidemic that has swept this country. This mass movement represents the largest number of human beings who have ever done the same thing at the same time in the history of the race. Mr. Culbertson, the authority on bridge, was selling 1500 copies a day of his book at the time I read a magazine article about it. Up to that time he had taught 1600 people the game of bridge, for which they had paid him sixty dollars each for a five-day course.

The American people then had spent ten million dollars in one year on lessons and in the same length of time one hundred million dollars was spent on bridge. Has card playing gripped America? In depression times, when some were hungry, this money was spent. Christians too are in the grip of this wicked habit and see no wrong. And this in the face of what the Scripture says, "Wherefore spend ye money for that which is not bread?"

What is the fascination about a deck of cards that makes people spend hours and hours at a time sitting, shuffling and dropping them down? What is the secret of it all? Is it just a desire to win? Is it greed? Is it just to display intelligence? For you know it is intelligent men and women who play bridge for a pastime, so to speak.

A deck of cards was, in the past, looked upon by respectable people with distrust and suspicion. They associated them with gambling and disreputable backrooms and saloons. Every time you looked into a window of a saloon you would see them shuffling cards. But lately the "best (?) class" has taken them up as their chief entertaining feature.

Nine-tenths of all gambling is done with cards. Ten dollars are lost at cards to one dollar at any other game.

Ask the gamblers where they learned to play cards and they will answer "at home." Nine-tenths of them learned to play cards at home. One gambler, who was converted, said that the cardplaying home, is the kindergarten for the gambling saloon. The beginner has no idea that card-playing will grow to be such a habit that it will enslave him.

Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman told of a tramp who wandered into a church service one evening and when the meeting was thrown open for testimonials he rose and said:

"When I was a boy I attended this church. My father was an officer. There were seven of us boys in a Sunday School class. Our teacher used to take us to her home on Saturday afternoons. We had some music and refreshments and then we would look over the new Sunday School lesson for the next day. After a bit, she taught us to play cards. She taught us several tricks. Soon we asked for more of the cards and less of the Bible. Then we dropped out of the

class and met elsewhere to play. Then we took to gambling. Two of those boys have been hanged. Three others are in prison for life. If the police knew that I was in town, I would be under arrest within ten minutes. All I have to say is that I wish my Sunday School teacher had never taught us to play cards."

Then he turned to go out. As he did so a lady dressed in black staggered to the aisle and exclaimed, "My God, I am that Sunday School teacher."

IT IS SAID THAT THE PURITANS IN THE SEVENTEENTH CENTURY CALLED A DECK OF CARDS, "THE DEVIL'S PICTURE BOOK." Even irreligious men considered cards indecent. We are told that the first deck of cards was made for King Charles of France, an insane man, in 1392. A deck of cards is more than fifty-two pieces of pasteboard.

Charles F. Weigle, in his book, says that he received his information from the only people that know about cards—the professional gamblers.

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There was a time when the Church frowned upon cards. All churches took a decided stand against cards. Good people looked upon cards with suspicion. They were too closely connected with robbery, dishonesty, profanity, and even murder. Why should the Church have fellowship with the underworld? How can a Christian have fellowship with this underworld? Preachers thundered against cards in their pulpits. Christians and cards had nothing in common. The Church knew the destructive influence of a deck of cards upon the life and morals of the people.

The influence of a deck of cards is in direct opposition to the teaching of the Holy Bible. That is why the deck of cards is called "The Devil's Bible." The Holy Bible and "The Devil's Bible" have no affinity and a professional gambler, it is said, will refuse to play a card game with the Bible near by.

Christian, you are called to live a life of separation from the things that are evil! "Touch not the unclean thing." There must be no compromise.

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explain the meaning of the deck of cards. He will be glad to reveal this secret to you and he is bewildered by the desire of church people to play cards, since the deck is so opposed to the teachings of the Holy Bible and hold up to ridicule all the fundamental points of the faith. The world looks on and wonders at the inconsistencies of the Christian who compromises.

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First he will tell you about the King Card. This card represents the Devil, the enemy of God, and of all righteousness, all goodness, and all faith. He, we know, is the director of all the evil forces of the earth. As one so aptly puts it - he is the ambassador of hell in the court of humanity. We all know that the devil is the enemy of God and His Christ and is never tiring in his efforts to destroy the faith of men and women and lead them away from the church. The devil heads the anti-Christ movement on earth and his business is to nullify Christ's work everywhere. If he can get church members to take such an interest in cards as to forget to attend church, neglect reading of God's Word, neglect the prayer meeting, and finally forsake the church entirely and thus forget their God, he will be satisfied. Thousands have already done this, and fallen into the trap that he has laid for Christians.

Now he will tell you about the Queen card. This card represents Mary, the mother of Jesus Christ. The gambler says that in card language she is called the mother of harlots. You Christians, imagine the blasphemy . . . and you touch these filthy cards. Dr. Talmadge, one of the world's great preachers, once said that he would rather play with a den of rattlers than with a deck of

The gambler goes on. The Joker, he says, represents Jesus Christ. What does a joker mean? A fool, does it not? Then Jesus is held up to the world as a fool. Then he goes on to say the language of cards declares that Jesus, the Joker, is the son of the Jack and the Queen. Can you find anything more blasphemous than that?

What an attack on the Word of God, our Lord, and His mother! I cannot understand how any Christian can handle them after knowing these things.

Let us look at the Jack card. This card represents the libertine, the moral leper. Cards break down the morals of many. We have noticed how cards,

The gambler also tells us that there is a brothel game, where the players use the secret language, obscene and suggestive, and thus they talk with one another with just the drop of the cards. And then there is strip poker in which the losers have to strip one garment after another until they are perfectly nude! So that is the com-

pany you keep when you play cards.

One more card. The gambler says that the Ten Spot card represents the spirit of lawlessness and opposes the ten commandments. The ten commandments are incorporated in our civil laws as well as our moral laws. Disrespect for law is a menace to socie-We notice an increase in lawlessness the last decade that is alarming. As said before, our crime bill is thirteen billion. Crime has become big business. Card playing helps this spirit of lawlessness. The gambler says his favorite game is poker and says that there never has been an honest game of poker. Notice where you see cards. He says in liquor joints, in brothels, in gambling dens; in hands of thieves, drunkards, prostitutes, and murderers. And, you, Christians, will you join them in a game?

George Washington called gambling, "The child of avarice, the brother of iniquity, and the father of mischief.'

Closely associated with the Ten Spot is the Club card. The club was the weapon of murderers, when cards were invented. Murder and death follow the deck. Suicide follows the gambling loss

Have cards something to do with the spirit of irreverence in the land? sacred things are being scoffed at by the language of cards, I wonder! God is ignored and Christ insulted!

If you respect God and His Word, surely you will refuse to participate in a game of cards.

How can you look upon that silent form taken from the Cross; those eyes full of love and compassion even in death; those hands that were pierced for you; His heart broken for you. He endured all this for you to redeem you from sin. And then you take sides with those who slander His name.

Don't you think you should destroy your cards now?

Time after time cards have been attacked by the clergy in Europe. Sermons have been preached in which they were scored as being an invention of

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the devil. In Italy, Saint Bernardino persuaded his hearers to make a huge bonfire of their cards in the public square. In Germany, they carried them away by the cart load to be burned.

Young people: Why not start a crusade in America against cards?

I repeat that no true Christian can afford to indulge in a card game for the Christian is called to a life of separation from the world. The world will not believe your testimony if it does not ring true. Suppose someone is about ready to give his heart to the Lord and he comes to your house and finds you busy at cards. Do you sup-pose he will come in? No. He will go elsewhere. A drunkard did that once, so the story goes. He felt ashamed and went to the minister's house where through the window he saw him playing cards. He said to himself, "I thought this was a Christian home. I've come to the wrong place."

You, preachers and Sunday School teachers, it behooves you to get rid of your cards for the sake of the young with whom you come in contact. No converts? Why?

Mothers and fathers, put the Bible in the suitcases of your college folk, and not a deck of cards. Cards slander everything we hold dear.

Christians, forsake your cards and honor your Master! The Christ who is slandered and insulted by a deck of cards is gracious and compassionate and offers you the gift of eternal life. Come to the table of the Lord and feast on His goodness.

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Three continents are already shuddering, while roaring bombers rain death from the skies. The world's wealth is being consumed in the swirling bonfire of war and war preparations. Demon forces, which carnally-minded men do not understand, are working behind the scenes, hurling one country after another into the dreadful conflagration.

The flower of young manhood is being taken away from home and fireside for war. What an argument against the theory of Evolution, that war is a blessing to humanity because it kills off inferior types, while the "fittest" survive to breed! The exact opposite is true. War takes away the best and stirs to action the basest passions of human nature. Today, the Apocalyptic spectre of famine, pestilence and death looms on the world's horizon.

"And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame. And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon." Rev. 16:13-16.

John said: "The whole world lieth in wickedness." Universal wickedness and disregard for God, invites universal judgment. The present state of the nations is an indictment of the human family for its sin and rebellion against the laws of God. Let this basic fact be understood: The suffering being visited upon the human family is judgment for SIN.

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The philosophies of men are on trial today. Man's theories and ideologies are exploding like bombs. The inadequacy of human wisdom is being demonstrated. Present conditions prove the Bible is true and that all who try to leave God out are wrong.

False Philosophies . . . False Christ

Collapse in the material world is always preceded by collapse in the moral and spiritual realm. God's order is spiritual things first. Then material blessing follows. When material things are first and God last, depression and bankruptcy follow. "Seek ye *first* the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

Skepticism and unbelief bring forth the fruits of lawlessness, revolution, war misery and dictatorship with its accompanying slavery. The loosening of moral and spiritual foundations through application of the destructionist philosophy of Liberalism, made possible the wave of lawlessness from which the chaotic conditions of this hour have originated. Paul prophesied a "falling away" that would bring about an unsettled state of affairs to make possible the rise of Antichrist (called the Son of Perdition). False philosophies will produce a false saviour—Antichrist. The Antichrist, in turn, will whip up the frenzy, which produces the Armageddon.

"Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped." II Thess. 2:3,4.

Today, man exalts himself above God. Ungodly men are so brazen that

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For many years American youth has been taught the atheistic hypothesis of Evolution. This doctrine deceives people by making them believe that the course of everything in the animal and human kingdoms is upward. Man is constantly improving. The men of today are superior to the men of yesterday. Civilizations are constantly moving to higher levels. Spiritually-darkened minds actually accept this theory as fact. No Redeemer is needed to reach down and lift men up, since humanity has been falling upward for millions of years, says Darwinism!

The acceptance of this unprovable idea has chilled the faith of millions. It has created disrespect for God and the Bible; it has eulogized war and helped transform the civilized world into a jungle of beasts. Teach men they are animals and you will stir up every sinful impulse in the soul of the Adamic nature, and make them want to live like animals.

While speculative and atheistic philosophies say there is no need of God and natural progress is upward, the "sure word of prophecy" teaches that humanity is on the down-grade and that the final outcome in this age will be judgment for sin. There is a

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"This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, truce-breakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good; traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God." II Tim. 1:1-4. "Evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived." II Tim. 3:13.

Out of the conglomerate mess of anti-God philosophies vomited from the mouth of Satan upon the human family, the political doctrine of Socialism has taken form and hardened in the mass mind. Karl Marx became high priest of the system, and in the assassination of millions of Russians, together with the murder of vast numbers of Christians, the burning of churches and the scattering of seeds of destruction throughout the world, we see the finished product of Socialism. The same basic principles, changed and modified here and there, have also become entrenched in Italy, Germany, the United States-and to a great degree throughout the world.

Socialism, in which the citizen becomes the property and slave of the State, will be the political philosophy of the Antichrist. By this means, millions of human beings will be herded to Armageddon. They will be slaves of the State, destined to die in the world's last field of battle.

Synonym for Socialism: "Collectivist, Nationalist, Nihilist, Anarchist, Communist, Bolshevist, Atheist." All of these groups are agreed in seeking to destroy private ownership, individual initiative, personal liberty, free speech and the right to worship God according to the dictates of conscience.

Germany has Socialism. "Nazi" stands for "National Socialism." Fascism is another form of Socialism. New Dealism is another form. The Communists are the "International Socialists." They have a plan for overthrowing all other governments, abolishing Christianity, and blotting the conception of God from the human mind.

The Reds are playing the game of "watchful waiting," hoping the rest of the world will exhaust itself, so they can step forward and take over the

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entire human race when the hour arrives. Fascism holds to the plan of the Corporative State, which in the final analysis, gives the government control of everything.

The New Deal has waged a vicious warfare against some of the large privately owned industries. Gradually the tentacles of Washington bureaucracy have tightened upon business, labor, radio and press. Now that the brakes of the Supreme Court and Congress have been largely removed, the program of Socialism is rapidly increasing in our Country. Everybody knows that the New Dealers have flirted constantly with Moscow since they first took over.

In the final analysis, all systems of Socialism culminate in the subjection of the individual to the state; in other words, dictatorship. Dictatorship is a system in which man is substituted for God. The final dictator—the international dictator, will be the Man of Sin, Satan incarnate. A world that begins by ruling out God will wind up worshipping Satan.

"International Socialism" will be the system of government of the coming Antichrist. It may be called by some other name, but it will be a system in which men look to a man instead of to God, for their needs. Communism, Fascism, Nazism and New Dealism will each contribute something to the last great scheme of ONE MAN RULE which will be imposed upon the human family.

Trends toward the Antichrist dictatorship and Armageddon are both numerous and unmistakable. We stand today at the threshold of the Great Tribulation. The relation of food (or rather the lack of food), to prophetic fulfillment also deserves consideration at this particular time.

Scarcity of food is anticipated as a universal condition of the end-time. Men cannot till the soil when they are killing each other. War upsets economic equilibrium, and this clogs the wheels of agriculture. The movement of armies, to say nothing of exploding bombs, bursting shells and the spraying of wide areas with poison gas, contribute to the destruction of soil and crops. Atheistic Jews of the Trotsky,

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Food control will be part of the Antichrist scheme of regimentation. "And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name." Rev. 13: 16-17.

The rationing of food by economic control is indicated in this passage. Planned scarcity, conservation of eatables, and dictatorial domination of life's necessities will be found anticipated in Revelation 6:5-6, "And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand. And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine."

The nations now at war are already using the distribution of food as a military weapon. The Bolsheviks were first to introduce the plan of using food cards, and this system has since spread through Europe. Both the British blockade and Nazi triumphs have of late contributed to the system. One European economist is quoted as saying: "Food is a beautiful instrument for maneuvering and disciplining the masses."

All Nations

The Bible predicts that the last war will involve all nations. "The kings of the earth and of the whole world," will regiment millions for the final

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crash which will culminate in the "Armageddon." Rev. 16:14,16.

These wars will be actuated by demon powers working through human beings and political systems. "The spirits of devils (demons) . . . go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the world, to gather them to the battle of the great day of God Almighty."

Demon-possessed, demon-influenced, demon-actuated rulers will first gain control of nations. Then hatreds will be created to eventually plunge the world into a blood bath. Dictators and would-be dictators precipitate the conflagration.

As men drift farther and farther from God; as drunkenness, pleasure-madness, and crime increase; as the army of unbelievers traveling down the broadway that leads to destruction increases, demon forces will fan the fires of hate, lawlessness and war. The best brains of the world will be engaged at the task of producing implements of death, until the whole world will become a powder-keg, a gigantic arsenal.

No longer will men in high places be calling upon God for guidance. They will be yielding to Satan. They will be actuated by hate, rather than love. The world will eventually feel the pressure of following Satan. earth will be wet with tears and blood -the penalty for rejecting God. It is astonishing with what accuracy, the prophecies describe the major instruments of war now in use, and those that will be used in the future. I have dealt with this matter in my book, "War Preparations and International Suicide," but a few facts of vital importance may be considered here. . . .

The mechanical ingenuity of our boasted civilization is today producing machines to destroy human life, and as suggested above, this promises to continue until "all nations" are set on fire. Two hundred millions of soldiers

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Death-dealing monsters will destroy one-third of the human race. The modern bomber, or one in advance of present models, is suggested in the following passage:

"This was the appearance of the horses (literally, war-horses)... The body-armour of the riders was red, blue and yellow; and the horses' heads were shaped like the heads of lions, while from their mouths there came fire and smoke and sulphur. By these three plagues a third part of mankind were destroyed—by the fire and the smoke and sulphur which came from their mouths." Rev. 9:16-18, Weymouth's Translation.

Could you ask for a better description of what you are reading about in the daily press? Sulphur is used in the manufacture of explosives. Modern warfare is characterized by fire, smoke, and explosives. If anyone doubts that this refers to the modern bomber, let him turn to the prophecies of Joel and read a most amazing and vivid description of the battle of Armageddon.

"The appearance of them is as the appearance of horses; and as horsemen, so shall they run. Like the noise of chariots on the tops of mountains shall they leap, like the noise of a flame of fire that devoureth the stubble, as a strong people set in battle array." Joel 2:4,5.

These monsters which have the appearance of war-horses, leap as it were, from mountain to mountain. The ex-



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The destruction of human life by modern methods of warfare is only getting started, according to best authorities. J. J. De Barry, a germ-war expert, said recently: "The possibilities of the future far exceed the violence which compelled the destruction of humanity by the Flood. A single airplane could carry sufficient botulinus toxin to destroy the entire population of the world."

There are reports of electrical beams, in preparation, to be projected, capable of mowing down a large army in the twinkling of an eye. Some forese stratoplanes, moving invisibly and noiselessly dropping their cargoes of explosives with deadly precision. There is talk of airplanes traveling a thousand miles an hour. Rocket ships are proposed which will be capable of doing four thousand miles an hour.

Sin goes in a circle, and comes back with intensified force upon the sinner. Thus, judgment falls upon those guilty of rebellion against God.

"The indignation of the Lord is upon all nations, and his fury upon all their armies: . . . Their slain also shall be cast out, and their stink shall come up out of their carcasses, and the mountains shall be melted with their blood." Isa. 34:2,3.

When man has tried to rule the world without God; when man's unrighteousness has come to the full, "the winepress of the wrath of God" will be trodden. Says the Apocalyptic writer, "Blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs." Rev. 14:20.

War Will End

But war will finally be ended for all time; not through the efforts of man, however. The Armageddon will be the last battle ever to be fought, between two earthly forces. (After the Millennium, Satan assembles an army, but will be destroyed before doing harm.)

While the Armageddon is in progress, the Lord will descend and Satan will be bound. See Revelation 19:11-16 and Revelation 20:1-3.

"And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God; that ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great." Rev. 19:17,18.

The nations are marching toward this event. But, the child of God sees

beyond these turbulent conditions and looks forward to a better day when Christ will return and war will end.

The Rapture of the saints will doubtless take place before the terrible reign of Antichrist. After that, Satan will have full sway on the earth. During the period known to students of Bible prophecy, as Daniel's Seventieth Week—a seven-year period—the Beast of Revelation will rule the world. The Lord's return in glory will occure at the end of that seven-year period. Armageddon will end. The Kingdom Age will be inaugurated.

(Note . . . This article is available in pamphlet form.)

Christ The Rock

Rev. Ralph Boyer, York, Pa.

"And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church: and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Matthew 16:18

"And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ." I Cor. 10:4

"Thou art Peter and upon this rock I will build my church." There is in the Greek a play on words here:

"Peter"-"Petros," "a little rock."

"Petra"—"Rock," "Himself."

Psalms 18:31, "Who is a Rock save our God?"

Psalms 61:12, "Lead me to the rock that is higher than I."

I Corinthians 10:4, "They drank of that spiritual rock which followed them and that Rock was Christ."

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"I may tremble on the Rock

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"Rock of Ages-cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee."

At one time Moses was hid in the cleft of the Rock and he was safe. In the cleft of the Rock is the only place of safety for time and eternity.

Song of Solomon 2:14, "O my dove, that art in the clefts of the rock," that is, hidden in the wounds of Christ. Here Christ, the Bridegroom, is heard talking to His church, the Bride.

Will you not say—Psalms 18:2, "The Lord Is My Rock" and be found in Him?

HUNGRY HOLLYWOOD

Many of Hollywood's headliners have come out against the Hoover plan to feed Europe, but when it comes to their own stomachs they want them to be plenty full. At the Warner Brothers Studios, for instance, Miss Katherine Higgins, who is in charge of the commissary, orders weekly 1500 pounds of meat, 200 pounds of fish, 1000 chickens, 200 dozen eggs, 500 pounds of butter, 600 pounds of coffee, 90 gallons of cream, 950 quarts of milk, 9,000 rolls, and vegetables by the carload lots. In one month the studio uses over a ton of sugar, and no less than 14,000 tins of assorted foods are used during a year.

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(SUBMARINE PROPAGANDA)

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On March 17th, newspaper headlines blazed that a German submarine was crossing the Atlantic, presumably to attack New York City or some other point along the eastern seaboard. The source of the report was not disclosed. But in some manner, Senator Burton K. Wheeler learned that the story o-

riginated with the office of Viscount Halifax, the British Ambassador.

The Montanan charged on the floor of the Senate that the whole thing was simply "a propaganda move to frighten Americans." Inquiries at the State Department brought the admission that Wheeler was correct about Halifax starting the rumor. Berlin dispatches charged it to be a "put-up job by American war inciters." Senator Gerald P. Nye said: "I do not believe it is anything but an alarm story that will have people scared to death of whales when they see them."

Smilingly, Senator Charles L. Mc-Nary remarked: "It seems to me there were reports two years ago of submarines off the Atlantic and Pacific coasts. Wasn't there one found out in Kansas somewhere?"

(THE MOVIE INTERNATIONAL)

A FINANCIAL tieup between American motion picture companies and British film interests, running into many millions of dollars, has been revealed in Washington through examination of federal and banking reports.

These disclosures synchronize with Senator Wheeler's charge that the "motion picture industry is doing a terrific job of war propaganda." The financial records disclose that behind the cinematic scenes, on both sides of the Atlantic, are powerful international Jewish banking houses.

(A GORDIAN KNOT)

THERE is much persuasive evidence that warmongering of Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Bullitt, prior to September 1, 1939 but especially about that time, actually precipitated the war. Le Nouveau Temps (French newspaper) recently charged Bullitt and Lukasiewicz, the Polish ambassador at Paris, with having persuaded M. Daladier to reject the Italian offer of a European conference after Daladier on August 31, 1939 had agreed unconditionally four hours previously to such a conference. In the same editorial Henry Morgen-

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thau, Jr. and Bernard M. Baruch were charged with "Heavy Responsibility in that noxious psychosis which pushed our country first into war."

Bullitt was the American ambassador at Paris and Lukasiewicz was his close personal friend. Morganthau was and still is Mr. Roosevelt's Secretary of the Treasury and Baruch has long been known in America as the "unofficial president."

Evidence of malicious warmongering which reached across the Atlantic from Washington, D. C. to Paris, from Mr. Roosevelt to his ambassador Mr. Bullitt, is now everwhelming. A copyrighted dispatch from Vichy, in which the maneuvering of Bullitt in cooperation with George Mandel (Rothschild) was related in detail and which appeared in the New York Herald Tribune of

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December 22, 1940, warrants a Congressional investigation, which surely would be undertaken if Congress itself were not in the control of persons desiring war for reasons of financial or racial profit. Leon Blum and M. Daladier, who yielded to Bullitt's influence in negotiations leading up to war, were the two leading warmongers of France, according to former Premier Flandin, as related in a New York Times dispatch published December 15, 1940.

That France finally caught up with Bullitt, fully explains his departure from that country and his failure to return there as our ambassador. His French confederates, who share his guilt in warmongering, are to be tried for treason.

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(BAD ETHICS)

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"Church members in Minneapolis are complaining that they have recently received through the mails, from Los Angeles, California, a type of propaganda released in the name of Christianity, which savors much of Communism.

"It appears that in the past week, the entire membership of the large First Baptist Church of this city has been covered. This was done without the knowledge or approval of the Pastor (Dr. W. B. Riley), who was out of the city at the time.

"A list of names of preachers is attached to a so-called 'Manifesto.' Then follows the propaganda. It is doubtful if the men whose names appear on this 'Manifesto' know of the unethical tactics of the propagandists, or the silly propaganda, which is supposedly sent out with their knowledge and approval. (It will be recalled that Karl Marx constantly used the term 'Manifesto,' as a medium for giving his pernicious doctrines to the public.) We wonder that an intelligent person would want his name to be used in this manner ... and we wonder how long Fundamentalist leaders are going to permit themselves to be made a ridiculous spectacle before a snickering public.

"Besides this, it appears that thousands of dollars are being wasted on propaganda that could be used in the Lord's work. . . . "

(BRITISH HUMOR)

THE current issue of a widely read newsstand magazine tells about a German aviator, shot down over English territory, being taken to a hospital for treatment.

After giving him a blood transfusion, the British nurse is quoted as saying: "Now, my lad, you have two pints of good Jewish blood in you. We hope it will improve your manners."

(WILL ROOSEVELT DIE?)

THROUGH cycles of historical interest to all Americans, Presidents elected every twenty years, die in office.

William Harrison was elected in 1840. He died in office. Abraham Lincoln was elected in 1860. He died in office. James Garfield was elected in 1880. He died in office. William McKinley was elected in 1900. He died in office. Warren G. Harding was elected in 1920. He died in office.

It is further noted that in these twenty year cycles, the White House occupant thus dying, is invariably elected in a year ending with a zero. Five have died — three assassinated, two from natural causes.

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Harrison	1840	1841	1841
Lincoln	1860	1861	1865
Garfield	1880	1881	1881
McKinley	1896-1900	1897	1901
Harding	1920	1921	1923
Roosevelt	1940	1941	?

Terms counted starting with 1865, shows a death to have occurred in every fifth one. Roosevelt's term is the fifth since Harding.

("AMERICA IN THE WAR")

JOHN G. WINANT, the new ambassador from the United States to England, had hardly concluded his Pilgrims luncheon speech, when Arthur Beverley Baxter arose in the British parliament to say: "At last the great continent of America is now in this war."

Christians and patriots throughout the Country lifted their eyebrows, nodded knowingly, and said, "I told you so," when press dispatches played up the fact that Jewish Brain Truster Benjamin Cohen, was being sent over as close associate and intimate, to work with left-winger Winant.

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"GOD made... the stars also... and let them be for signs... and there shall be signs... in the stars." (Gen. 1:14-16; Luke 21:25)

Our prodigal Earth is breaking all astronomical speed records in its sensational race to a new pole star. When the race is run and the goal reached, the Lord Jesus Christ will return to this earth to set up His Kingdom. That is, if the stellar symbolism in the region of the Polar heavens is as Scripturally sound as the Twelve Signs of the Zodiac (Job 38:32 R. V.) and their Decans, then it can be proved beyond all question of doubt that the coming of the Lord is very near and the establishment of the Millennial Reign of the Messiah is in the immediate future.

The Earth is not the only scene of startling unprecedented events; the stellar heavens are demonstrating an abnormal activity that is breaking the natural law of star movements and establishing a new and phenomenal record. In our quest for additional knowledge about the future, we must lift our eyes from the earthly international scene of crisis and chaos to the top of the visible starry heavens and behold a contemporary scene that caps the climax of all prophetic research. "Be-lieve it or not" and "strange as it seems" the heavens are confirming the facts that we gather from fulfilling Biblical prophecies among world eventsthat the international down-grade movement to civilization's collapse demands the soon personal appearance of the Prince of Peace and the Golden Age of universal righteousness and earthly prosperity.

The particular "SIGN" now being studiously considered is located in the top of the stellar heavens on the Pole of the Ecliptic—the apparent path of the Polar axis around the zenith of the celestial sphere. (See Figure 1)

In order to understand the significance of the "SIGN" it is necessary to know something about the "geography" of the Polar constellations and the path of the Pole of the Ecliptic which runs through them.

There are three constellations in the Polar heavens which are basically associated with our present study. They are (1) Draco, (2) The Lesser Sheepfold (commonly known as Ursa Minor, the Little Bear and the Little Dipper), and (3) Cepheus. Each one of these constellations contains a star which is

in the direct circular path of the Polar Ecliptic.

These stars are known as polar stars. One of them functioned in the past, another is active at present, and the third will become active in the future. In other words, we have not always had the same star to mark the polar center of the heavens. There is an apparent rotation in the heavens which naturally changes the point of the celestial polar axis from one star to another. This rotation or celestial motion is associated with the Precession of the Equinoxes.

The Precession of the Equinoxes is due to changes in the position of the celestial equator, which is gradually slipping around the Ecliptic. As a result of the shift of the position of the equator, the North and South Poles of rotation gradually change their positions in the sky, since each pole must always be exactly 90 degrees from every point on the celestial equator. As a result of the motion of the North Celestial pole among the stars no single star can be considered the "North Star"

for any considerable length of time.

The cause of the Precession of the Equinoxes lies in the present unnatural position of the Earth. Our Earth is somewhat flattened at the poles and is revolving around the Sun with its axis inclined at an angle of 23½ degrees to the plane in which it is moving. If the axis of the Earth was perpendicular to this plane there would be no Precession of the Equinoxes. Originally, the Earth (Gen. 1:1) was in this position, but as a result of Divine judgment (Gen. 1:2) it was knocked out of its perpendicular axis and has been 23½ degrees out of its proper orbit ever since. (See illustration on page 22, February, 1941 Defender.)

Now, the North Pole of the Earth, instead of pointing constantly to "True North" in the celestial heavens, points at an angle of 23½ degrees, and as it "wabbles" (like a leaning spinning top) it creates a circuit known as "the Pole of the Ecliptic." As the North Pole end of the axis of the Earth points to and rotates around the path of the Pole

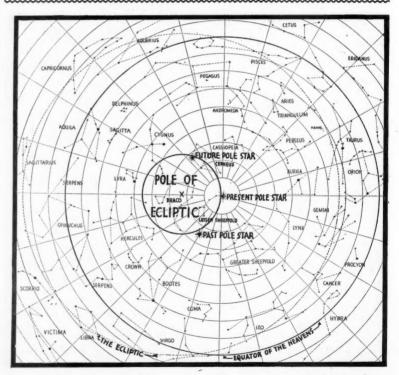


Figure 1. This is a sky map of the starry heavens over our heads. The equator of the heavens is a horizontal line around the center of the heavens which is on the same plane as the equator of the Earth. Since the Earth is 23½ degrees out of its proper orbit, another line is created which is called the ecliptic. The pole of the ecliptic forms a circular path in the polar heavens. This is due to the tilted position of the Earth as it "wabbles" and rotates through space. Therefore, the axis of the Earth does not always point to the same place in the heavens. As a result of this phenomenon, a series of stars act as Pole Stars, in consecutive order as they appear on the pole of ecliptic.

of the Ecliptic, a series of stars are contacted. Several of these stars have been designated "Pole Stars."

The Polar Star Constellations

Our study of the Polar Star "SIGN" necessitates a knowledge of all the Polar Stars and the constellations of which they are a part. Therefore, we will consider the characteristics and significance of first, Draco; second, the Lesser Sheepfold: and third, Cepheus.

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The constellation of Draco is ever present and in naked eye view in the Polar regions of the heavens every clear night of the year. The stream of stars which make up this constellation describe the letter "S" and suggests the hiss of the serpent. (See Figure 2)

Job no doubt had the constellation of Draco in mind when he wrote: "By his (Holy) spirit he hath garnished the heavens; his hand hath formed THE CROOKED SERPENT." (Job. 26:13)

John identifies the DRAGON and SERPENT with SATAN in his description of the great DRAGON which "was cast out, that old SERPENT, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world." (Rev. 12:9)

In Biblical Astronomy the Twelve Signs of the Zodiac and the thirty-six Decans (supplementary constellations) in their original form, symbolize and visualize the fundamental doctrines of the Holy Scriptures. This fact is illustrated in Draco.

One of the stars in the head of Draco is called Etanin, which means "the long serpent" or "Dragon." The second brightest star in this constellation is also in the head of Draco, and in the Hebrew is called Rastaban, which means "The head of the subtil." This same star in the Arabic is called Al Waid, and means "who is to be destroyed." The Hebrew names of two other stars in this constellation are Grumian, meaning "the subtil," and Giansar, meaning "the punished enemy." Other names of stars in Arabic are, El Athik, meaning "the traudful;"

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Figure 2. The first pole star was Alpha (the Draconis Beginning) and was in the second coil from the tail end of "the crooked serpent" (Job 28:13), in the constellation Draco.

Al Dib, meaning "the reptile;" and El Asieh, meaning "the bowed down."

The most brilliant star in this constellation is located in one of the latter coils of Draco, and is called Thuban in the Hebrew, and means "the subtil." Thuban (Alpha Draconis) was the Polar Star from about four to six thousand years ago. This was the Polar Star when Lucifer was in charge of the original Earth. Then, as a result of his rebellion against God (Isa. 14: 12-17: Ezek. 28:11-19), he became the prince of the power of the air (Eph. 2:2) and the god of this world (II Cor. 4:4). How significant that his starry symbol, Draco, should be predominant at that time! Thus, the governing point of the Earth's motion, the huge or central gate, was then in the enemy's possession, as if to indicate his subtle influence in all worldly affairs.

Furthermore, the symbolism of Draco and the Biblical record coincide, as may be seen by referring once again to the twelfth chapter of Revelation where we find in the third and fourth verses: "And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered. for to devour her child as soon as it was born."

Satan is not only symbolized in the heavens by Draco, but we note that "his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven." It is not a mere coincidence that the constellation of Draco consists of and is located among ONE-THIRD OF THE STARS OF HEAVEN! Neither is it an accident that one-third of the angels of Heaven, that sinned

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against God with Satan, were cast out of the Heaven of heavens into outer darkness and will one day be cast onto the Earth. "And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day." (Jude 6)

God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment." (II Pet.

Today, as a result of the Precession of the Equinoxes, Alpha Draconis is far away from the Pole. We now have another star acting as the Polar Star, and we shall consider it in our study of the next constellation in the rotational order on the Pole of the Ecliptic.

The Lesser Sheepfold-The Church in Heaven

The Lesser Sheepfold is the original name of the constellation in which the present Polar Star is located. This constellation is commonly known as Ursa Minor and the Little Bear. (See Figure

We now come to a grievous mistake or ignorant perversion of primitive truth. There were no "bears" in the original sacred Zodiac. Neither were there any in the Indian, Persian, Chaldean, or Egyptian Zodiacs.

A glowing discrepancy is noted in the "tail" of the Little Bear. Those who figure this constellation as a "bear"

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are obliged to give it a long uplifted tail, such as no bear ever had! And what is very astonishing is that the most important and remarkable star in this constellation is located in in the tip of the unnatural "tail" of the bear! Where is the sense that would lead any astronomer, ancient or modern, to locate the mysterious Polar Star, the central star of the heavens around which all others revolve, in an imaginary tail of a feeble little bear? The very idea is absurd and we may feel certain that the patriarchal astronomers committed no such folly as this.

There are seven principal stars in The Lesser Sheepfold and these suggest a connection with the "Seven Stars" which Christ holds in His right hand in the Revelation. Especially is this true when we understand that the Lesser Sheepfold symbolizes the same "sheep" which are presented in the first vision given to John on Patmos: "I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet, Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea. The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou saw-est are the seven churches." Rev. 1:10, 11,20)

There are 24 stars in The Lesser Sheepfold. This is the sacred double number of twelve and points to the "four and twenty elders" whom John beheld "round about the throne . . . clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold." (Rev. 4) Bible students agree that the 24 Elders symbolize the "raptured" Church in Heaven. (I Thess. 4:16-17) Here then, we see The Lesser Sheepfold safe in the highest heavens with the Great Shepherd—"and so shall we ever be with the Lord." (I Thess. 4:16-17)

The ancient names of the stars in The Lesser Sheepfold are significant. Kochab "waiting Him Who cometh," and is identified with the promise of Revelation 2:28: "And I will give him the morning star." Another ster, Al Pherkadain in the Arabic, means "the Calves" or "the young" as in Deuter-

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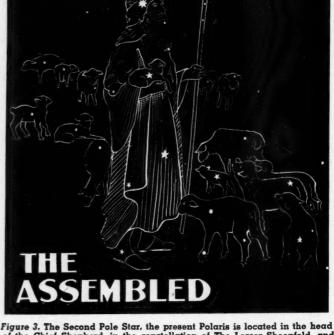


Figure 3. The Second Pole Star, the present Polaris is located in the head of the Chief Shepherd, in the constellation of The Lesser Sheepfold, and is symbolic of the Assembled Church in Heaven.

onomy 22:6; Hebraically, "the redeemed assembly." Another star, Al Gedi, means "the kid—the chosen of the flock;" and still- another, Al Kaid, which means "the assembled," or "the gathered together;" while Arcas, or Arctos (from which we derive the term Arctic regions) means "a traveling company" or "the stronghold of the saved." This definition compares identically with the meaning of the seven principal stars. They are called The Septentriones, which means "The Seven which turn"

The brightest star in The Lesser Sheepfold is located at the point of the absurd tail in the fictitious bear and is the most important in the whole heavens at this time. It is called Al Ruccaba, and means "the turned" or "ridden on," and is today the Polar Star. But, how could this have been known six thousand years ago? How could it have been known when it received its name, which means "the turned" or "ridden on"? That it was known is clear. So likewise was it known in the Written Word that the original blessing included not merely the multiplication of the seed of faithful Abraham, but it was then added,

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Cepheus - The King

The Constellation in which the future Polar Star will be located is Cepheus. In the constellation of Cepheus we have the figure of a glorious king, wearing his royal robe, bearing aloft a sceptre, and having on his head a crown of stars. He is calmly seated in the repose of power in the highest Heaven. See. Figure 4.

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An old Ethiopian name for this starfigure was Hyk, meaning "a king." His name in the Denderah Zodiac is Pe-kuhor, meaning "the one who cometh to rule." The Greek name by which he is known, Cepheus, is from the Hebrew, and means "the royal branch," and is called by Euripides "the King."

The name given the bright star in the right shoulder of Cepheus is called AI Deramin, which means "the quickly returning One." The star in the girdle is called AI Phirk in Arabic, meaning "the Redeemer." The star in the left knee is named AI Rai, meaning "who bruises" or "breaks." By combining these significant star-names we have "The Royal Branch" Who is "the quickly returning One."—"Who cometh to ride;" "The Redeemer" "Who bruises" the Serpent's head, when this glorious King of Israel, "King of kings and Lord of lords," returns to the Earth to "break" the chains and set the "captive" free to enjoy the blessings of the Messianic Millennial Reign of Righteousness.

Thus, as Cepheus, the crowned king, comes to rest over the North Pole, his feet shall touch, as it were, the Earth It will spin beneath his royal feet, and it will then verily be "his footstool." The stars could point to nothing clearer than that the King of kings is soon to come to this Earth and usher in the long-looked-for reign of righteousness and peace.

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eper ACT falo, The Bible League Quarterly of England for April-June, 1940, carries a remarkable testimony from scientific sources as to strange and unprecedented things that are occurring in the astronomical heavens. The article is by Dr. Albert Close and is as follows:

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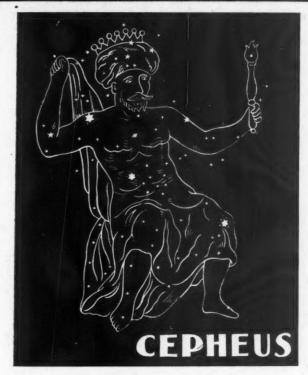


Figure 4, the third Polar Star, the one which is now rapidly coming into position, is Al Deramin—"the quick returning One," and is located in the right shoulder of Cepheus, the constellation of the King. When Al Deramin becomes the Polar Star, Christ as King of kings will be upon the throne of His Father David and "the government shall be upon his shoulder." (Isa, 9:6)

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Another very significant thing is seen in connection with the acceleration of the speed of the heavenly bodies around the Polar Axis, and that is, the swinging into place of a new and vitally important Polar Star. (Al Deramin—"the quick returning One.") It is Scripturally significant that the next Polar Star should be in the shoulder of the King, for as Isaiah the prophet said: "the government shall be upon His shoulder."

In Biblical Astronomy, Ursa Minor is The Lesser Sheepfold which symbolizes the Raptured Church in Heaven. (I Thess. 4:16-17) Bible students are agreed that the present Dispensation is to be brought to a close by the Rapture of the Church. The next Dispensation of the Kingdom. During the Dispensation of the Kingdom the Messiah will be upon the earthly throne of His father David, on Mount Zion at Jerusalem, and will reign as the King of kings and Lord of lords over the Earth for one thousand years.

It is exceedingly interesting to note that the next Polar Star is located in the constellation of Cepheus, the Crowned King. Through the same Precession of the Equinoxes and a shortening of time, Cepheus, the King, will ascend the top of the central heavens and will rule the Earth! The shortening of time—except those days be shortened (Matt. 24:22) — will be brought about by the increasing acceleration of speed around the Polar Axis and the terrestrial and celestial upheavals that will throw the Earth back into its original orbit.

The rulership of the Polar Star in

Cepheus will be ushered in sooner than it would in the ordinary Precession of the Equinoxes. At this point we note the striking significance of the experiences of the Astronomer Royal as related by Dr. Albert Close. The speeding-up process around the Polar Axis is already taking place.

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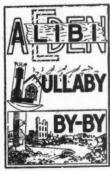
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Russian Missionary Work

THE Russian Missionary Society reports that the war situation is making Christian work increasingly difficult. Censorship of mail is described as a handicap. "Even airmail letters from London to the United States take one month," says Dr. F. J. Miles, international secretary.

This organization seems to be transferring official business to the States. In a recent report from their London office we read:

"We praise God that while bombs have blasted property all around our London headquarters, the windows have been broken and the telephone put out of action, the offices are still in use. Our Honorable Treasurer-in-Chief had his home destroyed, so had one of our Secretaries, Miss G. Mathews. She and her two friends were in the hospital for a fortnight. They were almost buried beneath the debris of their destroyed house. She is under treatment for damage to one arm. Another Secretary was 'bombed out,' but fortunately escaped injury. But all the Staff are in good heart and maintaining their ministry.'

With Dr. Miles, formerly of London, now definitely located at their Chicago headquarters, announcement is made that a pamphlet called "Russian Millions," will replace the familiar magazine "Friend of Russians" for the duration of the war. When the new publication made its appearance a month ago, the Editor of The Defender wrote Dr. Miles as follows:

"Over a period of years, we have formed the habit of welcoming 'Friend of Russians' as a regular visitor. We wish to express sympathy because of the hardship through which some branches of your work have been caused to pass due to chaotic conditions abroad. We pray that the new pamphlet, 'Russian Millions,' will enjoy a fruitful ministry."

Dr. Miles writes editorially about a conference of Russia's atheistic organization held a year ago, under the direction of Em. Yaroslavsky, head of Bezbozhnik (the godless).

During the conference, it was officially reported that "after twenty years of the most intense antagonism religion has ever known, at least two-thirds of the people in the Provinces and one-third

of those in the towns of Russia are still deeply religious; Yaroslavsky called for a new drive against the Church, using more specious and subtle meth-

Simultaneously with the foregoing admission, Yaroslavsky published the following article in his periodical "Antireligioznik" . . .

THERE are two kinds of clergy in Russia today and the difference between them must be defined. The first are anti-Soviet minded; they lead an active struggle against Socialism and are the enemies of the people. second are those who have adapted themselves to the Soviet regime and are careful to retain their position in society. They are most numerous among the lower clergy, who frequently undertake to educate children along the lines of Communist morality. They direct attempts to reconcile Communism and religion, Science and belief in God; attempts, indeed, which are not new, but are now more common. They point to the achievements of Socialism, and argue that, therefore, God willed it and Communists are following the teaching of Christ.

The structure of Christian organizations has been changing ever since the revolution in the direction of decentralization, and recently the process has been accelerated. Few centralized religious organizations now exist, and they are confined to the Orthodox Church, the Evangelicals, the Baptist sects and the Moslems.

Approximately there are 20,000 religious organizations and as many clergy. In 1937, Yaroslavsky gave the number of "registered religious organizations" as 30,000. There is, therefore, a significant diminuation in "registered" organizations during the past two years.

The acceleration of decentralization has led to the rapid growth of local organizations and they are a characteristic feature of the present day. They depend but little upon the official clergy. Even the centralized religious organizations are depending less and less upon the clergy who are the official servants of the cult. This is, in part, explained by a reduced number of clergy so that one may have to serve several parishes. The people are

looking more and more to the large number of itinerant priests, known as "Christ's Infantry," who walk from village to village performing religious ceremonies, marrying and baptizing groups of people at a time. In addition to these, there are a number of men who have taken upon themselves the duties of clergy, who have not been or-dained by the Church, but who believe that they have been ordained by God to this particular work.

Characteristic, too, of the new development is the fact that religious services may not necessarily be held in a church building, but even more frequently are held in a private house. This fact should be noted in our antireligious propaganda. The fact that the church is closed and the priest has gone does not in the least mean that no religious work is being done there; the cult is proceeding, though in simplified form.

For example, instead of burying a person publicly, with religious observances, which may be risky, soil from the grave may be brought into the church and replaced after a funeral service has been said over it. The person is then counted to have been buried by the Church, though no priest has been present at the graveside.

Baptism is treated in the same way and for the same reasons of safety. The priest blesses the baptismal water, places it in a bottle which the parents spray over the infant and count it to have been baptized by the Church. Weddings likewise are similarly performed by the priest reading the marriage service over two wedding rings. These are then worn by the couple who count themselves married, though they have not been present at any marriage ceremony.

We note, then, this important fact in the functioning of centralized religious organizations, that the anti-Soviet minded clergy in them increasingly carry on their activities in an underground manner. All sorts of churches and monasteries, with monks and nuns, are organized out of sight, due in part, to the complete closing of churches.

Thus writes Yaroslavsky, the high priest of Soviet godlessness.

From this description of religious observances, American Christians will be reminded again, that the Russian Orthodox Church has always been but a short step above paganism. Indeed, someone referred to it as "baptized heathenism."

Its spiritual coldness, dead formalism, antiquated ritualism, and ecclesiastical corruption, was a contributing cause to the rise of atheistic Communism. Had Russia enjoyed a high degree of spiritual life, it would have been impossible for international Jewry to plant the seeds of destruction within her

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Famous Living Hymn - Writers

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LOVERS of Christian music will be interested to know that more than thirty authors and composers of well-known Christian songs are still living, right here in the United States.

This article is the first in a series of biographical sketches of famous living hymn-writers, to appear each month in The Defender Magazine. Factual material will be presented in concise and interesting form. The complete series of articles will comprise an unprecedented collection of up-to-the-minute information concerning the histories and present activities of these authors and composers.

In recent nationwide evangelistic trips, the writer has met and interviewed all of the personalities of whom sketches will be published. We also made moving pictures of all of them—pictures which have been arranged in a thirty-minute production, proving a blessing in every church where it has been shown.

Before presenting the first in this monthly series of biographical sketches, it might be of interest to summarize a list of men and women, still living, who have written Christian songs now widely used wherever the Gospel is known.

George Stebbins ("Saved By Grace,"
"Have Thine Own Way, Lord") lives
in Catskill, New York. Grant Colfax
Tullar ("Face To Face") makes his
home in Summit, New Jersey.

C. Austin Miles ("In The Garden," "Dwelling in Beulah Land") is still working as a music editor in Philadelphia. T. O. Chisholm and C. Harold Lowden, author and composer respectively of "Living For Jesus," reside in New Jersey.

Dayton, Ohio is the home of E. S. Lorenz ("The Name of Jesus"), while in nearby Indianapolis lives Charles Fillmore ("Tell Mother I'll Be There").

Atlanta, Georgia is the home of Charlie Tillman ("Life's Railway To Heaven"), and L. B. Bridgers ("He Keeps Me Singing"). The latter is Pastor of a thriving Methodist Church in that city.

Henry Morton ("The Touch Of His Hand On Mine") lives in Owensboro, Kentucky. Ina Duley Ogdon ("Brighten The Corner Where You Are," "Carry

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Your Cross With A Smile") makes her home in a suburb of Toledo, Ohio.

George Bennard ("The Old Rugged Cross," "Speak, My Lord") maintains headquarters in both Albion, Michigan and Los Angeles, California. He travels constantly in evangelistic work.

Chicago claims several well-known hymn-writers, including Wendell Loveless ("Precious Hiding Place"), George Schuler ("Make Me A Blessing"), Harry Dixon Loes ("Love Found The Way"), Lance Latham ("Only Jesus") and Merrill Dunlop ("Jesus Is The Sweetest Name I Know").

Homer Rodeheaver ("Somebody Cares") maintains offices in Chicago and Philadelphia, and a summer home at Winona Lake in Indiana.

The Midwest claims at least three noted composers — Haldor Lillenas ("Wonderful Grace Of Jesus"), Mrs. Bertha Mae Lillenas ("Jesus Took My Burdens") and Harry D. Clarke ("Into My Heart").

The well-known Ackley brothers live on opposite sides of the continent. They saw each other last month for the first time in seven years. A. H. Ackley ("Take Up Thy Cross," "God's Tomorrow") is the Pastor of a Church in Manhattan Beach, California. B. D. Ackley ("Sunrise Tomorrow," "Mother's Prayers Have Followed Me") travels much of the time with Mr. Rodeheaver, making headquarters in Philadelphia.

Southern California claims the largest number of successful hymn-writers. Robert Harkness ("No Longer Lonely," "Shadows"), F. M. Lehman ("No Disappointment In Heaven"), and I. G. Martin ("The Eastern Gate") make their homes in Pasadena. Mrs. Fred W. Suffield ("God Is Still On The Throne") is the wife of a Nazarene Evangelist, with headquarters in Los Angeles. Albert Simpson Reitz ("Teach Me to Pray," "Twas A Glad Day When Jesus Found Me") is the Pastor

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of a Baptist Church in Inglewood. Albert Hay Malotte ("The Lord's Prayer") is a noted organist, teacher, and radio artist, in Hollywood. Elton Roth ("In My Heart There Rings A Melody," "At The End Of The Road") is a music teacher and choir director in Los Angeles.

This list of living authors and composers is by no means complete but is fairly representative of the high type of people who have participated in creating sacred music during the present generation. In this, the first installment of the new series of articles, we shall present the dean of all living hymn-composers.

George C. Stebbins.

On February 26th, 1941, thousands of hymn-loving Christians throughout America honored the ninety-fifth birthday of George Stebbins. Many religious radio programs on that day were dedicated to him. "Appreciation services" were held in churches.

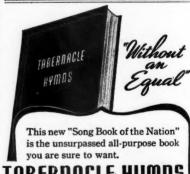
"Have Thine Own Way, Lord,"
"Saved by Grace," "Take Time To
Be Holy," "Jesus Is Calling," "Jesus, I Come," — these are a few of
the best-known songs which have come
from his pen. The flow of genius has
not ceased, by any means. Continually
he is producing new songs. During
our recent visit we were shown the
manuscript of a musical setting which
he was then completing for a Christian poem which Fanny Crosby had
written in her ninety-fifth year, a
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'Twas in 1846 that George Stebbins first saw the light of day, on a farm in northwestern New York. He displayed musical aptitude at an early age,

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and became interested in the "singing schools" which were frequently conducted by itinerant "singing teachers" who visited the community.

During his sixteenth year an event happened which was to have an enduring effect upon the future course of his life . . . his mother purchased a piano! Eagerly George began arduous practice and soon was able to accompany himself as he sang.

At the age of twenty-one he began the serious study of vocal music, first in Buffalo and then Rochester. In the latter city he sang with church quartets Sundays, and continued working on the farm during the week.

In 1869 he moved to Chicago, shortly after his marriage to Elma Miller, the daughter of a minister. He obtained a position with Lyon and Healy, the famous music firm, and became musical director of the First Baptist Church on the south side of Chicago. During this period he was associated with such men as George Root, Philip Bliss, H. R. Palmer, and Ira D. Sankey, all of whom became noted figures in the realm of sacred music.

The Chicago fire of 1871 terminated Stebbins' connection with Lyon and Healy, but he retained his musical directorship of the First Baptist Church. He was quite active in arranging Gospel songs for use by a male quartet which was under his direction. Later these arrangements were published in

In 1874 he removed to Boston, as musical director of the Clarendon Street Baptist Church, then pastored by Dr. A. J. Gordon, the composer of "My Jesus, I Love Thee." Two years later he became musical director of Boston's famed Tremont Temple.

He met Dwight L. Moody in 1876 at the Moody home in Northfield. There began a friendship and close association between the two men which was to continue until the death of Moody a quarter of a century later.

Stebbins again took up residence in Chicago, and later moved to Brook-lyn, New York, where he lived until his removal to Catskill seven years

ago. He assisted Moody in many campaigns throughout America, and also made three trips abroad. He was closely associated at various times in soul-winning activities with such great preachers as Dr. George F. Pentecost, Major D. W. Whittle (author of "Moment By Moment"), and Henry Drummond. A few years before the turn of the century he made an evangelistic tour around the world, giving services of song in India, Egypt, Italy, Palestine, Paris and London.

During his long and successful career he has composed musical settings for hundreds of Gospel songs. He has edited several collections of song books, besides having been associated with Sankey and McGranahan in editing the series of books known as "Gospel Hymns" which were extensively used in the Moody-Sankey meetings. He collaborated closely with Fanny Crosby, composing musical settings for many of the blind author's best poems.

Someone once asked Fanny Crosby to write a poem on "grace." Within an hour she had completed the nowfamous hymn-poem "Saved By Grace." During a Moody conference at Northfield in 1893 she publicly read the verses at the conclusion of a sermon. Mr. Sankey and Mr. Stebbins immediately asked where she secured the

"I wrote it," was the reply, "and stored it away in my memory to use on speaking occasions. I don't intend to let any of you singers have it, either," meaning thereby that she did not want it set to music, lest it become well-known and less desirable for her individual use. But, a newspaper correspondent from England had heard Fanny Crosby recite the poem. He wrote it in shorthand, sent it to England, where it was published and widely re-published. A few months later Sankey noticed the poem in the London Christian, and brought it to Stebbins, saying, "George, do you re-member the poem Fanny quoted in Northfield? Here it is, and since it has been published, I think it better be set to music. Suppose you try and see what you can do." Shortly thereafter

Stebbins composed the musical setting for "Saved By Grace" which is now universally used.

Our conversation with Mr. Stebbins, and several subsequent letters from him, have yielded many factual bits of reminiscence which are of interest to every one who loves Christian music. For example:

"In 1886 I was assisting in evangelistic meetings in Lawrence, Massachusetts. One day my attention was called to a new song, "Throw Out The Life-Line." I was impressed with its possibilities, but I found that the song was incorrectly harmonized. I obtained the address of Mr. Ufford and wrote him, asking if he would sell the song to me. He replied at once, and stated his terms. I accepted, and sent a remittance for the amount. I then harmonized the song, and it soon became the property of the Bigelow-Main Company, and was published shortly thereafter."

(E. S. Ufford was a Baptist Minister in a seacoast town of New England. He wrote the song after having witnessed a thrilling rescue during a severe

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Pentecost and I had conducted at the Moody Church in Chicago three years before.

"At my request he sang a song which impressed me most favorably, and I asked what his plans were for the future. In reply he expressed a desire to make use of his voice in singing the Gospel. Believing that he had possibilities of usefullness I said to him that if he could arrange to remain in Brooklyn I would render any aid which I could, regarding his voice and interpretation, and that without cost to him.

"I invited him also to become a guest in my home until he found a place to stay. This he accepted. We began at once to give attention to his voice. During that time in my home he had his folding organ with him, which might have been the first of his make, as it was in the early part of his activities as a manufacturer of the Bilhorn organs which in after years came into prominent use on foreign and home mission fields.

"During that winter Bilhorn wrote his first song, so far as I know, and I harmonized it for him, as he had not given any attention to harmony up until that time. The song was entitled I Will Sing The Wondrous Story.' I took Peter with me to call upon Mr. Sankey, and showed him the song. It impressed him as being serviceable, and he accepted it as a gift.

"During that winter Peter came in touch with Rev. J. Wilbur Chapman, and assisted him in some evangelistic services. While assisting Chapman in Detroit, Peter wrote his 'Sweet Peace The Gift Of God's Love.'

"From the beginning of my contact with him I was impressed with the genuineness of his conversion and his attachment to his Lord. And as a confirmation of that, it is reported that his last words before passing away were "What is that? . . . Jesus . . .

That is alright!'—confirming my first impression when I met him fifty years before. I covet nothing more than to be able to speak that name that is above every name, as I pass out into His presence."

Mrs. Stebbins passed away twentysix years ago, and an only son, fifteen years later. The son had attained widespread recognition as a successful organist in New York City.

George Stebbins now resides in Catskill, New York with his sister, who is an invalid confined to a wheelchair. They are attended by a very kind and gracious nurse who has been with the family more than a quarter of a century.

Catskill is a charming little town, nestled in the hills along the west bank of the Hudson River, some eighty miles north of New York. The Stebbins home is high above the town, overlooking the beautiful Hudson valley.

The composer is very active for a man of ninety-five. During our interview we noticed piles of correspondence and manuscripts on his desk. A typewriter at his elbow sees almost daily use. His memory is clear, and his mind keen. Not only was he able to recall details of happenings of sixty and seventy years ago, but the events of today were likewise of interest to him. Incidentally, our visit occurred during the last week of the Roosevelt-Wilkie presidential race. Mr. Stebbins discussed the issues of the campaign with surprising clarity. He was faithfully wearing a lapel button for his favorite candidate.

Christian music-lovers who read these lines will add a hearty "Amen" to an inspiring tribute recently paid by George S. Schuler, after he had visited Mr. Stebbins:

"There need be no tombstones or memorial shafts erected to the memory of Mr. Stebbins (when that time comes), for as long as Gospel song books are published which include 'Have Thine Own Way' and 'Saved By Grace' these alone would be everlasting and universal monuments to his honor."

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The Winrod - Springer Missionary Crusade

A Report By Superintendent J. F. Rodriguez

AT*LAST the giant Clipper from the southern tip of Florida appeared in the distance, first a tiny speck, then larger and larger . . . the roar of its motors becoming more and more distinct, until finally, like a huge bird with silver wings, it glided gracefully into our San Juan airport—late afternoon, February 4th.

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Having received a cable sent just as the party was leaving Miami, a group of Defender Workers assembled to shake hands again with Dr. Winrod and meet little Miss Geraldine, Cowboy Evangelist Harvey H. Springer, and his charming wife. All won their way into our hearts immediately.

The blessed Holy Spirit had preceded their arrival. Everything was in readiness for the launching of an Island-wide Crusade of evangelism. Puerto Ricans, laboring together in Defender bonds, had been looking forward for months to the time when these leaders from the States, would come to sound the key-note of a mighty revival. On our knees, we had heard the "sound of going in the mulberry trees."

There had been too many significant happenings and divine providences in recent weeks, for any to doubt that the time was at hand when a new thing would be accomplished on our Island, to the glory of God. We felt that a tidal wave of soul-winning, was about to pour in upon us. Now, looking back over events of the last thirty days, we see that our highest expectations have realized fulfillment.

As this report is being prepared, our four missionaries have returned to fields of labor in the States, but the Gospel currents started under their tutorage, are continuing to flow. New fires were lighted while they were here, and Puerto Rican Christians are happy to spread the flames. The revival gathers momentum every passing day. The work is of a sound, solid nature—and this fact bespeaks stable results.

Ten years ago when Dr. Winrod came to this Island the first time, it was his idea and admonition, that a strong native Church be established with Puerto Rican converts shouldering responsibility, directing the program, and furnishing the preachers. He felt this would be better than sending out missionaries from the continental United States.

God has been pleased to smile approval upon the effort, so that over seventy-five Churches, Tabernacles and Chapels are now established on the Island, with the number increasing all the time. Everything, therefore, points to the urgent necessity and appropriateness of a campaign of intensified witnessing and revivalism, since a good foundation exists upon which to build.

The late W. T. Stead said: "The progress of the world is largely made up of successful revivals. The revival of religion has been the inevit-

able precursor of social and political reform."

In his book The Great American Revival, Arthur B. Strickland has this to say: "America in becoming a mighty nation, depended upon great revivals of religion. The United States has been pre-eminently a land of revival."

We are seeing today, definite trends toward cultural, economic, intellectual and social changes in the West Indies, due in part to increased military and naval activity, accompanied by the influx of new people and a bombardment of new ideas. When matters are fluctuating, with old systems crumbling and revisions coming to the foreground, the Church is always clothed upon with

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"Christ For The Crisis," Dr. Winrod's Message For P. R.

WESTERN civilization is today Macing its greatest crisis. Europe is in flames. The Orient is in flames. Efforts are being made to spread the conflagration to the western hemisphere. This is α matter of grave concern to Puerto Ricco because of the Island's geographical location." So said Dr. Gerald B. Winrod, famous religious and patriotic leader, yesterday in describing to the press his stand on present world events as relating to the religious organization he founded in 1925, the Defenders of the Christian Faith.

Accompanied By Daughter

Arriving here by Pan American clipper Tuesday, Dr. Winrod was accompanied by his ten year old daughter, Geraldine, and the Rev. and Mrs. Harvey H. Springer. They were met at Isla Grande by Dr. J. F. Rodriguez, superintendent of Dr. Winrod's organization in Puerto Rico. Rev. Springer is pastor of a Denver Church, the Church with the largest congregation in Colorado.

"The present crisis has given rise to a new religious and patriotic movement in the continental United States," Dr. Winrod continued. "It is known as the Prophecy-Prayer Crusade. 29 outstanding leaders including editors, ministers, missionaries, evangelists and Christian educators, are laboring under the slogan 'Christ for the Crisis.'"

Adding that these leaders have a combined following numbering into the millions, the Doctor said that they recently sponsored a gathering in Chicage at which delegates were present from many parts of the Nation.

New Spiritual Forces

"The launching of this movement, in which it has been the pleasure of Rev. Springer and myself to coperate, has been accomplished with the release of new spiritual and moral forces. Many men of outstanding attainments feel that the supreme need of the present catastrophic hour is a spiritual rebirth, and this can be accomplished only by a revival of supernatural religion to change heart impulses of individual lives.

"So I submit that Christian and patriotically-minded people have a solemn obligation to discharge in this crisis. There is an unmistakable parallelism between the present state of affairs and conditions as they have existed in Europe several times in the past."

In concluding, Dr. Winrod said that his message for Puerto Rico these days is the same as that being heralded back and forth across the continent—'Christ for the Crisis.'"

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added responsibilities. So it is here in Puerto Rico these days.

The whole Island and neighboring islands, must be given a vision of the risen, living Christ, Who can banish fear, wipe away tears, forgive sin, and lead men, women and children into a better, broader life. Dr. Winrod felt, and we felt, that the time had come to launch out in a Crusade of vigorous evangelism. Therefore, it was with happy, expectant hearts that we enet the Clipper.

Two hours after arriving at 5 o'clock, February 4th, our guests were engaged at the task of winning souls for Christ, in the Rio Piedras Defenders Tabernacle, where their first three evenings in Puerto Rico were spent. Before closing the third night meeting, close to fifty persons had made the great decision

DEFENDERS CONVENTION. The 1941 Defenders Annual Convention was held at San Juan Defenders Tabernacle February 7th to 9th inclusive, with the following slogan, "Christ for the Present Crisis."

The Convention became known to all Puerto Rico Thursday morning when Dr. Winrod spoke to the West Indies over station WNEL from San Juan. He gave a great message on "Revivalism," and being gifted with a radio voice that commands instant attention and respect, he sealed magnificent truths to thousands upon thousands of hearts.

He told the story of the Fulton Street Prayer Meeting and showed how the famous "Prayer Meeting Revival" saved America during the money panic of 1857. He spoke through the microphone in English, and it became my duty to interpret the message into Spanish. Here are a few sentences from his very logical arguments:

"A terrible money panic hit the United States on October 12, 1857. The force of the blow was felt primarily in New York City, the seat of American finance.

"For days and weeks the Nation found itself in a state of uncertainty

and perplexity. It seemed that the foundations of the Country were sliding. No one knew what to expect next. A large section of our population, to put it mildly, was in a dark and angry mood. There was bitter talk about a revolution.

"Banks failed, business houses closed, railroads went into bankruptcy, commerce and agriculture came to an abrupt standstill.

"But, true to the system of Revivalism, now under consideration, the famous Fulton Street noonday prayer meeting of New York City had been organized a short time before.

"As the panic tightened its grip upon the Nation as a whole, and New York City in particular, this daily prayer meeting increased in size, interest and spiritual intensity. Hundreds of Biblebelieving Christians would come and prostrate themselves in prayer each day. Then the meeting on Fulton Street began to be imitated. Other prayer meeting groups were soon organized over the city.

"The circle of these gatherings increased in size, and in a short time a great wave of creative prayer was ascending daily from scores . . . then hundreds, then thousands, and eventually millions of American hearts. Prayer meetings were held in every part of the Country. It seemed like everybody, old and young, rich and poor, had suddenly come under the influence of prayer.

"This outburst of divine power became known in American history as the Prayer Meeting Revival. The spiritual impact was felt, not only throughout America, but across the ocean in Scotland, Wales, Ireland, and England.

"It has been estimated that at least a million converts were won to Christ during the period that started, like the hanging out of a red lantern, just preceding the money panic of October 1857."

The radio message for Friday was given by Rev. Harvey H. Springer. Puerto Rico considers him not only a great Evangelist, but also a radio artist who can woo souls into the Christian fold through the microphone. He

made himself "right at home" with us from the start, and his broad smile, hearty laugh, commanding physique, natural understanding of human nature, grasp on Bible truth and passion for lost souls—this is the way we will always remember the "giant for God" who came to us with a burning message of redeeming love.

Both in the Convention pulpit and on the radio, our visiting workers were busy for Christ day and night. When the annual meeting closed Sunday night, February 9th, scores of believers left San Juan for different parts of the Island with a new vision, a new interest and a new spirit for service, in the Lord's vineyard. They had been instructed in matters of doctrine and Christian leadership.

ISLA VERDE

Our Defenders Chapel in the rural section of Carolina district is called the "Church in the Valley." A very fruitful meeting was held here. Mr. Herminio Almodovar, the Pastor, wrote me the day after our visit, telling that a revival was kindled, saying, "By all means bring the Evangelists here again before they leave for the interior of the Island."

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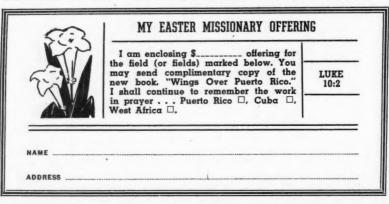
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Dean Calif. —Dr. Diego Quintero and Mr. Leonardo Castro. The former is a medical man, the latter a merchant. Two nights were spent with this congregation and many souls accepted Christ in response to pleas on the part of Dr. Winrod and Evangelist Springer. Bayamon Christians pleaded earnestly for a whole week of meetings, but what about the other parts of the Island?

CAGUAS

Back in 1933, the second Tabernacle established in Puerto Rico, was located in the city of Caguas. This town has always been close to Dr. Winrod's heart. He has now paid it three visits. In 1931 he preached in the Baptist Temple. In 1936 he preached on the public square, or Plaza. In 1941 the Winrod-Springer meeting was held at a special hall rented for the occasion. Rev. Julio Llopez is in charge of the Defenders task at Caguas.

RIO CANAS

It was a surprise to see such a large gathering in this rural section, where we began with a preaching mission in 1934. Here a Chapel was recently built. But the Winrod-Springer meeting was held in a mammoth storage room to accommodate the throng that came to see and hear. Only Mr. Springer spoke at this place and if ever he preached under a definite anointing of the Spirit, it was that night. Thirtyfive persons came to the Lord in response to his melting invitation. Mr. Mariano Velez, Pastor of this work, wrote the next day: "The meeting was a success in every sense of the word. Everybody in the community is enthusiastic today. All persons are talking about the service. Please come once more, before Dr. Winrod and Evangelist Springer leave Puerto Rico.

GUAYAMA

"La Ciudad del Guamani" was visited Friday, February 12th. The people there refused to let the party leave as scheduled. The stay had to be extended to three days. The Guayama Church is the "parent congregation," since here was established the first Defenders Church on the Island. Dr. Winrod remembered some of the friends from his 1931 and 1936 visits. So instead of leaving Saturday night, according to our schedule, we stayed through the Sabbath and preached in this Tabernacle three evenings. Souls accepted the Lord every night.

MAUNABO

The Defenders Chapel in this place was visited Sunday morning February 16th. Mr. Springer was the preacher. His message on "Heaven" will never be forgotten in that mountain area. Many persons decided for Christ during the service.

CAMPO RICO

Monday morning we left the southern part of Puerto Rico, motoring north to Campo Rico, a "barrio" of Ric Grande, where a Defenders Chapel was waiting, and again, there were many decisions to accept Christ. Rev. Mateo



Wives and daughters of Defender Pastors, from over the Island, attending the annual Convention at San Juan. Mrs. Springer and Geraldine may be seen in the center of the group.

Cruz, Pastor of this congregation, got from us a promise of a second visit, that was fulfilled later.

CARRUZOS AND CENTRAL LOIZA

Tuesday, February 18th, was given to a point far into the interior, our "Church on the Hill." All on horse-back—Dr. Winrod, Mr. Springer, Mrs. Springer, Geraldine and Spanish Defenders riding, climbing . . . then walking the last steep quarter of a mile, up to the Chapel. What a crowd assembled on the top of that mountain!

We had dinner with the Pastor, Rev. Domingo Rodriguez. Dr. Winrod was so in love with the beautiful surroundings, that he jokingly suggested sending the Pastor away from the tropics to the eskimo land of "Alaska or somewhere else," so that he could himself remain there, raising bananas and preaching. Mr. Springer spoke first on "Grace," Dr. Winrod following with a message on "The Comforting and Convicting Power of the Holy Spirit."

But we had to leave those mountains before dusk, in order to reach Central Loiza in Canovanas, where an openair meeting under the leadership of Mr. Heriberto Zambrana, our Pastor, was already attracting a great crowd of people. Both Mr. Springer and Dr. Winrod spoke.

Our hearts were heavy, as we realized this would be the last meeting that Dr. Winrod and his precious daughter, could be with us. Arrangements had been made for their departure, via Clipper, the next morning, rounding out fifteen days of hard work.

Two more weeks were challenging Rev. and Mrs. Springer. Bidding farewell to our friends Wednesday morning, we watched the big "silver bird" rise, turn its head toward the West, and melt into the clouds. Instinctively, we begged for "journeying mercies" to abide with them.

SABANA AND VILLA PALMERAS

These two Chapels were visited by the Springers the same day. Souls came to the Lord in both places.

Thursday was spent in a promising

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Rev. Springer and Dr. Winrod standing in front of the new Defenders Church at Bayamon, Puerto Rico. Dr. Rodriguez tells about this field of labor in the accompanying article.

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church at Santurce where many persons were converted. By this time, Mr. Springer was thoroughly oriented in his new Puerto Rican environment, and every sentence that fell from his lips was like a barbed arrow to the hearts of all within hearing distance of his voice.

MAYAGUEZ

The western part of the Island was visited from February 21st to 23rd. In the city of Mayaguez, Mr. Springer conducted a typical Defenders Conference, preaching five times with glorious results. His radio message over station WPRA brought a large response.

SALINAS

Monday morning found us driving fast, south again, to Salinas. Traveling through new territories, giving way-side messages to little groups, circulating thousands of tracts, Gospels, and books, we were able to reach many people with the Gospel during the day. That evening, in Salinas, Mr. Springer spoke first under the blue canopy of heaven, and later in the Evangelical Temple of the city. Over 40 persons came to the Lord. Rev. Juan Romero is Pastor here.

PONCE

This city is a progressive place, but retains its Spanish appearance and customs in every respect. Tuesday morning found us in the studios of Ponce Radio Station WPAB. Mrs. Springer played the piano, Mrs. Aulet sang, Mr. Springer preached, and this writer interpreted.

We left Ponce immediately for Cayey, where a huge open-air meeting was held from a platform equipped with our Public Speaking System, draped by an American flag, on the Plaza. No less than sixty persons publicly decided for Christ when the invitation was given. Mr. Springer illustrated this message with experiences from his own life, when he was a cowboy on the

Cuba and Liberia

THE Missionary Department has focused special attention upon Puerto Rican missions the last two months. But this fact, should not in any way minimize the great work being done on the other two fields.

Encouraging reports of mighty Gospel exploits, both in Cuba and Liberia, West Africa, continue to be received from week to week. While space is not available this month to properly present these labors, friends are urged to continue to remember the program in prayer.

The missionary ministry of the Defenders Movement is solely dependent upon tithes and offerings, properly designated and sent to Wichita Headquarters, by Readers of The Defender Magazine.

"Wings Over Puerto Rico"

Dr. Winrod's new book, Wings Over Puerto Rico, is nearing completion.

This work, coming as a result of his third visit to the West Indies in ten years, will be of special interest to all who read the report of Superintendent Rodriguez, in the Missionary Department for April.

Rich in original material, replete with photographs, inspiring and stimulating—the book will be ready for delivery in a few days.

plains of Wyoming and Colorado. His listeners were held with rapt attention and someone said the meeting lasted no less than three hours.

CALVARY CHURCH

Wednesday morning, February 26th, we hurried to San Juan to preach in Calvary Church where Christ was again exalted in the salvation of souls.

HUMACAO AND VIEQUES

Our Thursday engagement was this place. There were conversions.

We drove to Fajardo Friday and there boarded a launch that took us to the neighboring Island of Vieques. Our first meeting was that evening on the Plaza, a platform equipped with the Public Speaking System. The audience was immensely large. Early the next day a crowded little bus left the town, to go through all roads and no roads of Vieques, "casting bread upon the waters" in the form of tracts, Gospels, conversations, and messages to small clusters of people on the waysides. The evening meeting was held in the little Methodist Temple.

We landed back in Puerto Rico in time to address a large crowd in the Rio Grande Defenders Tabernacle. And then motored to Bayamon, where many persons accepted Christ in response to Mr. Springer's second message at that place.

CIALES AND RIO PIEDRAS

To these places, the last two days of Mr. Springer's time in Puerto Rico were devoted. The Crusade was started in Rio Piedras February 4th, and the Tabernacle was selfish enough to ask that the last service be held there also. Happiness was in the air, that evening. All faces were shining.



er, when they left Puerto Rico. No one could seemingly hold back the tears. Soon, the "silver bird" was again rising, swallowing up the miles, as it disappeared in the clouds. First the Winrods, and now the Springers . . . had gone.

We pushed back the tears and tried to make ourselves forget the loneliness

Well, this writer found it hard to

shake hands with Rev. and Mrs. Spring-

We pushed back the tears and tried to make ourselves forget the loneliness that we felt in our hearts—but then we thought of the souls saved, the impetus given the Gospel testimony, by the Crusade, the challenge that awaited us! New furrows have been plowed . . . new seed planted. By His Grace we will cultivate the soil and depend upon the Holy Spirit to lead, for a harvest of good grain.

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In this report, emphasis has been placed upon the messages of the speakers. No space is available to tell of the organizing done . . . the special deputational work in new fields . . . the innumerable Gospel contacts made aside from the public meetings . . . the winsome way in which Mrs. Springer dealt with the women of our Island . . the fine impression that she made wherever the crew went . . . the shin-ing optimism of beautiful little Geraldine . . . her childlike, but sincere interest, in the children of Puerto Rico ... her constant attention to her daddy and the pride which she manifests at all times in his work. Any one of these themes offer sufficient subject-matter for a book. But in this, my first report since the Crusade ended, I have confined myself almost entirely to a description of the public meetings held from day to day.

In closing, let me say that all Spanish Defenders workers can testify to the truthfulness of the little chorus I used to hear sung at meetings, when it was my pleasure to visit the States, a few years ago:

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Lord, coming this way,
A mighty revival,
Is coming this way.
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Trust and obey,
A mighty revival,
Is coming this way.

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THE second Sunday in May is observed as Mother's Day throughout the United States. The historical background to this annual event should be considered in connection with Mr. Carlson's Tribute to Mothers.

To Miss Anna Jarvis of Philadelphia, more than any other one person, goes the credit for originating this beautiful custom. Her Mother died in On Sunday, May 9th, of the following year, while observing the first anniversary of her death, she told a friend of a desire to dedicate a day to all Mothers. Before the next anniversary, she had interested many individuals in setting aside one special Sunday in May for this purpose.

The idea soon gathered momentum in Christian circles - so much so, that the city of Philadelphia observed May 10, 1908, as a day in which to honor the Mothers of that city. Five years later, Pennsylvania made it a State holiday by official decree. Shortly thereafter, a resolution was passed by the United States Senate and House of Representatives, designating the sec-cond Sunday in May a national holiday, to the honor of American Mothers.

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The New York Times story tells of accusations made by former Premier Flandin against Blum and Daladier, for pursuing policies which were sure to involve France in war. The text of a broadcast from Amsterdam is quoted as containing these significant words: "Flandin declared that Daladier received his information almost exclusively from the British Intelligence Service, and from certain evidence.

"It was proved further that Jewish influences had put aside every one of those men, who would have had a good influence for the peaceful solution."

The New York Herald Tribune article is from Vichy, France. It makes reference to an editorial in the French newspaper Gringoire: "Finally, Bullitt was accused of being one of the persons who persuaded Daladier to declare war against Germany at 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 3, instead of giving Hitler until 5 a.m. Monday, as Bonnet desired. Bonnett was on the point of telephoning Coulondre (Robert Coulondre, French Ambassador to Germany), when Daladier called him to say that he had changed his mind and fixed the expiration time at 5 o'clock the same day. Bullitt, Lukasiewicz, and Man-del, had won him over."

On page 47 Colonel Sanctuary publishes a long list of Jewish families and Gentile "fronts," in France, England and the United States, whom he pictures as forming a huge network-collaborating systematically though separated geographically.

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"White Horse Rider," "World War No. 2," and "Miscellaneous Questions."

The questions, in each instance, are stated in simple language and pertain to matters about which students of Bible prophecy are especially concerned at this particular time. Mr. Beirnes mentions that most of the questions have been submitted to him by Christian people over the Country, for discussion in the columns of his maga-

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It should also be mentioned that Mr. Beirnes has reproduced a number of meaningful illustrations that originally appeared in "Baxter's Forty Prophetic Wonders," a volume written by the noted British Bible expositor approximately a hundred years ago. Also, on the front cover, there is a sketch of Daniel's prophetic image and the corresponding four wild beasts.

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A review, crowded into the space available, cannot do this work justice. However, a general knowledge of the contents may be gleaned from a listing of the twenty-three chapter titles: "Introductory Statement," "The Growth of the Scientific Method," "Astronomy," "The Age of the Earth," "The Beginning of Life," "The Early History of Geology," "Physical Geology," "Historical Geology," "Biology and Its Makers," "Recent Developments in Biology," "Glaciation and Man," "Genesis and Man," "Anthropology and Man," "Archaeology and Man," "Language and Man," "Psychology," "Chemistry," and "Physics." The book is indexed for the convenience of the student

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Christ Promises Power

Acts 1:1-12

GOLDEN TEXT: "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Acts 1:8.

"The former treatise" (verse 1) refers to the Gospel of Luke. This opening sentence connects the past years of Christ's earthly ministry, with the fu-ture work of His people. The story which unfolds in the Acts, is a continuation of the deeds of the Master. Jesus "began" to do and to teach during His ministry; the apostles continued that same ministry in the power of the Spirit Who came (verse 8).

Our Lord remained with the disciples forty days after His resurrection, preparing them for the task of witnessing. He had a fourfold object: (1) To convince them of the absolute certainty of His resurrection - verse 3, (2) To instruct in matters pertaining to the kingdom of God - verses 3,6,7, (3) To project the missionary vision unto the uttermost parts of the earth—verses 4,5,8, (4) To teach that henceforth He would operate from heaven.

The promise of the Holy Spirit was for the purpose of making them "witnesses." (Acts 2:4; 4:8-12, 31, 33; 5:32; 9:17,20.) They were to start at Jerusalem, right where they were when He came. They were to spread into Judea, the country surrounding Jerusalem; then into Samaria, the region adjoining Judea on the north; then into all parts of the earth. There were to be no boundaries. The Gospel is not circumscribed by race, color or geography. Christ died for white men, black men, yellow men and red men!

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He lifted up His hands to bless them, as He finished the message. (Luke 24: 50,51) He ascended with His hands outstretched in benediction . . . and He has been blessing His followers ever The disciples saw Him clearly - until the cloud, the Shekinah glory, curtained Him from their sight. (Ex. 19:9; 34:5; Isa. 19:1; Ps. 104:3) In like manner, true believers will some day be received up into that cloud. (I Thess. 4:17)

"This same Jesus" will return. He is to come as He went, personally, visibly. In this connection, the Greek text is emphatic and cannot be misconstrued. Consider Rev. 1:7; Luke 21:7; I Thess. 4:16; Phil. 3:20,21; Heb. 9:28; John 14:3; 2 Tim. 4:8; 2 Thess. 1:7-10. The coming again of our Lord is the great hope of the Church during His absence. (Titus 2:13)

April 13

Christ Shows Himself Alive

Luke 24:13-17, 25-35

OLDEN TEXT: "I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am, alive for evermore." Rev. 1:18.

The two disciples on the road to Emmaus possessed heavy hearts. Their hopes had been dashed by the death of the Master. Their disappointment knew no bounds. Everything seemed to turn black before them.

Because of close association with Christ in the past, their faith should have remained unshaken in the time of testing. They thought the Master was really dead. But grief changed to joy as He appeared at their side, saying,

"What manner of communications are these that ye have one to another, as ye walk, and are sad?"

In our day, the death of Christ is likewise misunderstood. Modernists and atheists speak disparagingly of it. We need, the church needs, the world needs, what those two people learned on the road to Emmaus . . . namely, that Christ *lives!* He lives in hearts that open to Him. He lives in triumph over sin and the grave. His principles applied in society means the solution of problems that otherwise baffle and

Jesus did not meet the unbelief of these two disciples with an immediate disclosure of His identity, but, sought first to do honor to the Scriptures. He questioned them regarding the relationship between Himself and the Old Testament. He discussed prophecy with them. "Faith cometh by hearing," not by seeing. (Rom. 10:17) The folly of these men consisted in being slow of heart "to believe in all the prophets have spoken." It was not by chance that Jesus had suffered on the Cross. This tragic experience was absolutely necessary, in order to solve the sin problem. (I Peter 1:11; John 12:24)

Jesus proceeded to open the Scriptures. It must have been a thrilling experience to have the Author of the Bible unfold the pertinent passages. He began at the beginning. He showed that He was the one great Theme of the whole Book. (John 5:39, 45-47; Acts 3:24; 10:43)

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April 20

Using Witnessing Power

Acts 2:1-4; 4:8-20

GOLDEN TEXT: "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness." Acts 4:31.

After the ascension of Jesus, the disciples returned to Jerusalem to wait for "power from on high." At the end of a ten-day prayer meeting, with the little body of believers "in one accord," the outpouring of the Spirit was suddenly experienced - (verses 1-4).

"In one accord" suggests that the spirit of harmony existing among them, had much to do with the timing of the blessing. Dispensationally, the hour had come. But that was not enough. The time must come also, in the attitude of individual, consecrated hearts. All agree that if opposite conditions of disharmony and strife had prevailed, the striking of a dispensational clock would not have been sufficient. There is danger of "losing out" completely, when dissension exists among Christians. Someone has said: "There is a jubilee in hell when Christians quarrel."

Jesus told the disciples that they would receive power after the Holy Ghost had come upon them. Notice, this power was not to be sought for the gratification of self-life . . . not for mental and emotional ecstasy and hilarity. The baptismal fount was opened for the purpose of equipping the believers to be good witnesses. The new energy was released to advance the Gospel . . . to push the message to new frontiers of service. The boldness with which the disciples witnessed for Him after the Pentecostal experience, is indicated in the latter portion of today's lesson. (Acts 4:8-20)

Peter was facing the Sanhedrin (verse 8). This ecclesiastical and judicial body was the Supreme Court of Jewry, composed of seventy leading members of the race. They tried cases and designated penalties for laws violated. However, the Roman government denied them the right of inflicting capital punishment. The arraignment of the disciples before this assembly, and their treatment, was in exact fulfillment of

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the prediction of Jesus in Matthew 10:17.

Through wisdom imparted by the Spirit, Peter was skillful in his de-fense. There was no compromising of truth, no glossing over of Jewish guilt. Peter forced them to face the facts. The council had spoken evasively of the thing done as "this." But Peter was careful to make it plain that he was on trial not for a misdeed, but for a good deed. Then without hesitation, he declared the healing to have been done in the name of Jesus Christ, the One whom they had crucified, the One whom God had raised from the dead.

The scene changes. Peter, the accused, becomes the accuser. He speaks with the authority and power of the Holy Spirit.

Let it be noted that the Greek word for power, behind the English, is duna-"ability, meaning literally, strength, abundance, mighty, miraculous power." The term compares favorably with our word dynamite.

The disciples possessed courage, ability to witness — for they had been to Pentecost!

April 27

The Early Church Meeting Human Needs

Acts 4:32-35; 6:1-7

OLDEN TEXT: "And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul." Acts 4:32.

After Pentecost, the struggling Christian community at Jerusalem gave the world a beautiful example of humility of spirit. Christ had recently ascended into Heaven and the vision of His lovely character lingered in their minds. They had seen the principles of the Sermon on the Mount, expressed in His every act and deed.

They immediately put into operation a Christ-like government among themselves. This, they did successfully, because there was a complete absence of selfishness, greed and lust in their ranks. They had all things in common. Each believer laid his possessions at the feet of the Apostles.

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To use this fact, of common possession of goods in the early Church, as an ergument in defense of Socialism and Communism, is to misinterpret Scriptures. There is nothing of modern Communism, comparable with the plan which the Christians followed. Under the hammer and sickle, the individual is denied the right of owning anything. The State is omnipotent. The leaders remain in authority through brutality and terrorism. To undertake enforcing the practice of all things in common, where divine love is absent, means disaster and slavery.

"It is not reason (literally 'pleasing," to God) that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables" (verse 2). That is precisely what the Church, in many modern places, wishes the Minister to do. A wag has said that there is a tendency today to substitute the "supper room" for the "upper room." If the Minister today, consents to do all the world and the average Church desires and expects of him, he will have little time left for his own proper work — "prayer and the ministry of the word" (verse 4).

Note carefully the kind of men the apostles considered necessary to look after the temporal affairs of the Church: (1) They should be "men of good report," (2) They should be "full of the Spirit," and (3) "Full of wisdom." Oh, for deacons and official board members like that today!

Men of questionable character should not be chosen, merely because they happen to be rich and influential in the community. How careless some churches are in choosing their officers, especially those looking after financial matters, never thinking, "are these men full of the Spirit?" On the other hand, some are deemed sufficiently spiritual, but not credited with possessing good judgment and balanced sense in other directions. However, if a man is really "full of the Spirit," he will be full of wisdom, for the Holy Spirit is "the spirit of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." (2 Tim. 1:7)

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The Church Enlarging Its Fellowship

Acts 8:1-8, 14-17, 25

GOLDEN TEXT: "Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word." Acts

The "great persecution" at Jerusalem served to scatter the disciples abroad,

making everyone a "preacher."

Some suggest that this early persecution was largely, if not entirely necessary, by the fact that the disciples did not properly remember, understand and act upon the command of Jesus to preach the Gospel to all nations. However, we know that oppression is not sent from God, but it may work out to His glory. "Surely the wrath of men shall praise thee." (Ps. 76:10)

The first deacon of the Church (Acts 6:5) became the first martyr; the second deacon became the first foreign missionary. It is worthy to note that Philip preached the Word (verse 4), Christ (verse 5), things concerning the kingdom of God (verse 12), the word of the Lord (verse 25), and Jesus (verse 35).

Philip "preached Christ unto them" (verse 5). With what results? "And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake' (verse 6). In the history of Christianity, few people have known the joy of having a whole city converted. No wonder "there was great joy in the city" (verse 8). Wherever Christ is lifted up, He draws men unto Him-

Undoubtedly Philip preached from the Old Testament, for surely no New Testament book had been written. But in his preaching, he continually pointed to the Messiah; not the Messiah Who was still to come, but Him Who had come, in fulfillment of the prophecies.

The apostles at Jerusalem sent their best men to foster the work at Samaria. Why the Holy Spirit required the additional services of Peter and John, we are not told. Yet it is certain they had special power that was not given to anyone else.

A broad study of today's lesson will require one to read the full report, including the disturbance by Simon the sorcerer, an illustration of the obstacles to the Gospel. (Verses 9-13)

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great work is begun, revealing the presence of the power of God, Satan attempts to wreck it, to cause dissension, and bring it into disrepute. Or he tries to introduce some false teaching by which the minds of people are diverted from the redeeming work of Christ and the holiness of life which should accompany belief.

The word preaching, in the Golden Text should be given careful consideration. It comes from the Greek enaggelizo, and means literally to "announce good news . . . declare good tidings."

May 11

Responsibility Of Home Regarding Beverage Alcohol

Deut. 6:4-7; Jer. 35:5-10

OLDEN TEXT: "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Prov. 22:6.

In connection with the theme of this lesson, one writer says: "The home is the fundamental unit of society and the state. Guards should be set against anything that will loose the bonds which hold the home together, and dissolve it as a unit; also against any evil which, by infesting the home, will send an impure stream into society.

Beverage alcohol taken as an indulgence will do both. As it leads to dissipation, it causes the heads of the home to become unnatural and unreliable. liable. In causing those who make up the home to be less congenial, it tends to break up the home. In planting the seeds of appetite through a habit-forming stimulant, it sends the young people from the home into society and the state, defective both in their ideals and their self-control.

"The lesson today gives us an instructive sidelight on the causes of decay, in the national life of Judah; namely, the prevalence of drunkenness. If we knew the historic facts at this point, it would be that there is scarcely a nation in the graveyard of nations which could not attribute its fall in part to intemperance, through the use of intoxicating drinks."

Jeremiah was a messenger from God

and the sons of Rechab recognized him as such. However, they knew that his command to them, "Drink ye wine" was not a command from God as to what they should do, but simply a test of their fidelity, and they replied as they ought to have replied, "We will drink no wine."

The prophet's general purpose in giving the object lesson, was to impress his people that, if these simple-hearted kinsmen could be true to their ancestor's ideals, it was a disgrace that Israel should be disloyal to God and disobedient to standards laid down in matters of faith and morals. It was an example of preaching by object lessons and contrasts, which Jeremiah of-

The fact is recognized in our lesson from Deut. 6:7, that the home can inspire and fix the individual for all And it is here a command of God that the home should perform this function - just as much a command as thou shalt not steal.

Someone has said: "The saloon has returned. It is here in forms a thousandfold more vicious and debauching than anything ever known in the palmiest days of the pre-prohibition era. The beer garden, the cocktail lounge, the night club, the dance hall, and a host of other forms of bedevilment have been thrust upon us. Never has America witnessed such a moral debauchery of its citizens, men and women, adults and youth, parents and children, as since the return of legalized liquor."



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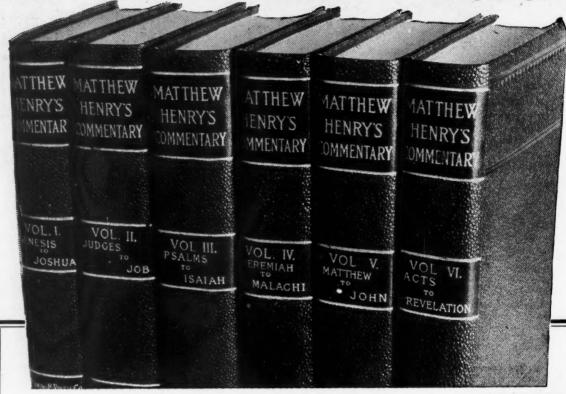
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